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Evacuees stuck on NSU campus

By Kyle Shirley
News Editor



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New Orleans residents Mikell McKnight (left) and his cousin Larry Jackson play Monopoly to pass the time in NSU's Red Cross shelter. The drive to Natchitoches took them about eight hours.

"I'm staying in a place where I don't want to be. I'm in a city I don't know. I'm digging in my pockets and there is nothing in them," Steven Galmore says with a look of raw exhaustion.

Galmore is a Lake Charles resident living in the Red Cross shelter at NSU's Health and P.E. Majors Building. After being separated from his family in traffic on I-49 during the evacuation, Galmore wandered north alone until he found an open shelter. He has been stuck in Natchitoches, unable to afford gas to reach his family in Denham Springs, LA, since Sept. 22.

Like many of the evacuees in the shelter, Galmore arrived alone but quickly developed a friendship with someone who can relate to his situation. Although they had never met before, Port Arthur, TX resident Marcus Elmore is now "the closest thing to family" Galmore has in Natchitoches.

Like Galmore, Elmore was separated from his friends and family on the road during the evacuation. He found his way to his hometown of Natchitoches with his three-year-old daughter with intentions of staying for one night before moving on. But now that his car has broken down, he is staying in the shelter indefinitely.

"It's real depressing waking up in the morning hearing my daughter saying, 'I want to see my mama. I want to see my sister,'" Elmore says. "I've broken down a couple of times and wanted to cry, but I know I have to be strong for my daughter."

Elmore says he knows he has lost his home to the storm.

"I have a tree dividing my dining room from my kitchen," he says. "I don't even have insurance."

Elmore is frustrated that he cannot return to Port Arthur despite the knowledge that his home is destroyed.

"At least let us in to help repair the city. We want to help," Elmore says.

Such feelings are common amongst the shelter's residents, many of whom wound up in Natchitoches by chance and are unsure when they will be able to return home. The fears and woes of these people weigh heavily in the air outside the shelter, but for every concern an evacuee voices, another articulates feelings of joy and thanks.

Walking around the lawn where many of the evacuees take a break from the confines of the shelter, one can hear the words "blessing" and "lifesaver" more frequently than "disaster."

In spite of, or perhaps because of, the fact that almost everyone here is separated from their homes and loved ones, a sort of improvised community has taken shape.

Orange, TX evacuees Donald Richardson and Brandice Judge have only positive things to say about their predicament.

"Everything is going smooth. I like it out here," Richardson says. "I kind of wish I could find a job while I'm out here. We might start over here. You never know."

Judge expressed gratitude for the shelter as well.

"It's a little crowded, a little inconvenient, but I'd rather be inconvenienced by crowding than from the heat," Judge says. "We just hopped on a bus and didn't care where it was going as long it had electricity… we didn't even know where we were going."

Cheryl Sessoms, a Red Cross worker who specializes in mental health, traveled from her home in Detroit to help with the hurricane relief effort. She has been assigned to the Natchitoches shelter until October 9.

"Under the circumstances, with a lot of people who are still here from Katrina… I think that (the situation) is being handled the best it can," Sessoms says. "We have developed a community here. It's working quite well."

Sessoms said approximately 300 people are currently housed in the shelter, which will remain open for a "debatable" amount of time.

Despite her optimistic appraisal of the situation, Sessoms is quick to admit that the shelter's inhabitants are

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New standards drop fall enrollment

By Kera Simon
Sauce Reporter
and Kyle Shirley
News Editor

This semester, NSU has implemented a selective admissions program for the first time.

The new standards require higher grade point averages and ACT scores, and adhere more strictly to the TOPS core curriculum requirements.

All state universities have raised their standards for admission for the fall 2005 semester. Consequently, most high schools are working to prepare their students for the change in college requirements.

The new requirements resulted in a drop in NSU's fall enrollment numbers. 10,546 students enrolled last fall; 9,847 enrolled this semester.

University administrators were anticipating the decrease. In fact, about 300 more students enrolled than administrators had expected.

The enrollment drop raised some issues about the University's budget; fewer students means less tuition money However, the university was well prepared for this change.

"The revenue budget was adjusted to reflect declining enrollment," said Daphne Sampite, bursar of business affairs. "The budget was fixed to assure that no aspects of the school would be dramatically affected by the lowered enrollment."

While the numbers have decreased, student morale seems to have increased. Some teachers say they are noticing a difference in the freshmen this year.

"This generation of students is taking bigger steps," Jennifer Anderson, public relations journalism instructor, said. "Retaining rates will stay up for the school, and the students are more likely to become successful alumni."

This difference is affecting art as well as academics. Pia Wyatt, a dance instructor in the theatre department, said, "(The students) seem to be more focused and driven. They attend classes more, too. They actually want to be here, apposed to something their parents thought would be a good idea."

Administrators think the decreased enrollment is likely a temporary situation.

"Enrollment should rise once high schools get used to the new requirements," Registrar Lillian Bell said.

Fight at Student Union leads to shooting at Columns

No one injured in drive-by shooting; more arrests pending

By Kyle Shirley
News Editor

A fight at the Student Union on Sept. 21 led to a drive-by shooting at the University Columns later that afternoon.

Detective Doug Prescott of the University Police said his department received a call reporting a fight at Vic's early that afternoon. When officers arrived at the scene, the fight had broken up and responding officers found no suspects.

Prescott said that at approximately 3 p.m., Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's deputies and University police officers working at the Red Cross shelter in the Health and P.E. Majors' Building heard "three to five shots" coming from the direction of the nearby University Columns Apartments.

"Officers arrived (at the scene) literally within moments," Prescott said.

There they found four 9 mm shell casings near the complex's 800 building and bullet holes in the wall of a ground-floor apartment. Prescott said witnesses confirmed that the attack was a drive-by shooting, and were able to give a description of the vehicle involved.

No one was injured in the attack.

Natchitoches Parish Police officers located the vehicle in question the next day and arrested NSU student Marlon Williams and Natchitoches residents Damien Ficklin, Brandon Smith and Jeremiah Hendricks. Prescott said all four men were charged with assault in a drive-by shooting and other charges and are being held in the Natchitoches Parish Detention Center.

Prescott said NSU students Donald Lightfoot and Tyrone Skinner were also arrested and charged with simple battery in connection with the fight at Vic's, and Wayne Hawkins was arrested and charged with "illegal carrying of a weapon in a firearm free zone."

Prescott said he anticipates more arrests in connection with the case.



Harvey Briggs / The Current Sauce
Director of Auxilary Services Jennifer Anderson (left), Assistant Coordinator of Residential Life Sheila Gentry and Detective Doug Prescott examine a bullet hole in the window frame of a University Cloumns apartment.

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still struggling to deal with their circumstances.

"They're dealing with a lot of emotions and we're here to try to diffuse them or to direct them and to give them some hope," she says.

The evacuees are not the ones feeling the stress of the situation; Sessoms says she has to remember to take care of herself as well.

"That's one reason why I limited myself to 10 hours a day (at the shelter). I'm not going to be the martyr," Sessoms says with a brief laugh.

Sessoms added that the shelter is well stocked with everything from toys to water to clothing.

"I don't know where it's coming from, but they have so many different items in there. They are not lacking for anything… I was amazed at how well they are supplying the needs of the people who are here," Sessoms said.

Still, no matter how accommodating the Red Cross workers are, no matter how tightly knit these evacuees become, the shelter is not a home. No amount of donated stuffed animals or blankets or food can make it one. Which is why Galmore says what these people need most is hope.

"If you see us passing by, don't put your head down," Galmore says. "Say, 'Hey man, keep your head up. It'll get better.'"

Moulton named V.P. for student affairs



MOULTON

By Ashley Lewis
Sauce Reporter

Patrice Moulton was recently named NSU's acting vice president for student affairs.

Moulton has taught at NSU since 1996. She was an assistant professor of clinical psychology and later became head of the Department of Psychology from 1999 to 2002. Along with her duties as vice president, Moulton is also executive director of institutional affairs.

"My number one responsibility is to be responsive to the needs of the students," Moulton said. She defined the "needs of the students" as things like police security, student organizations and activities and housing and residential life.

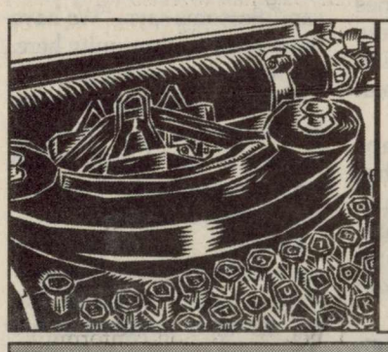
NSU President Randall Webb, who appointed Moulton as acting vice president, said, "The position for vice president will be advertised later and she can apply. Dr. Moulton had closely aligned duties as the executive director of institutional affairs. The information related closely in both jobs, and she has always had a deep appreciation for the students."

Dan Seymour was the former vice president for student affairs and is now the assistant for counseling and college personnel and the coordinator of the Masters of Arts program in college student personnel. Seymour said he wanted to teach aspiring young professionals and stepping into his new role as coordinator was always one of his career goals.

Moulton has many expectations for herself as acting vice president. "There should always be a good campus environment for college students. Students have the right to expect a safe environment and a positive college experience," Moulton said.

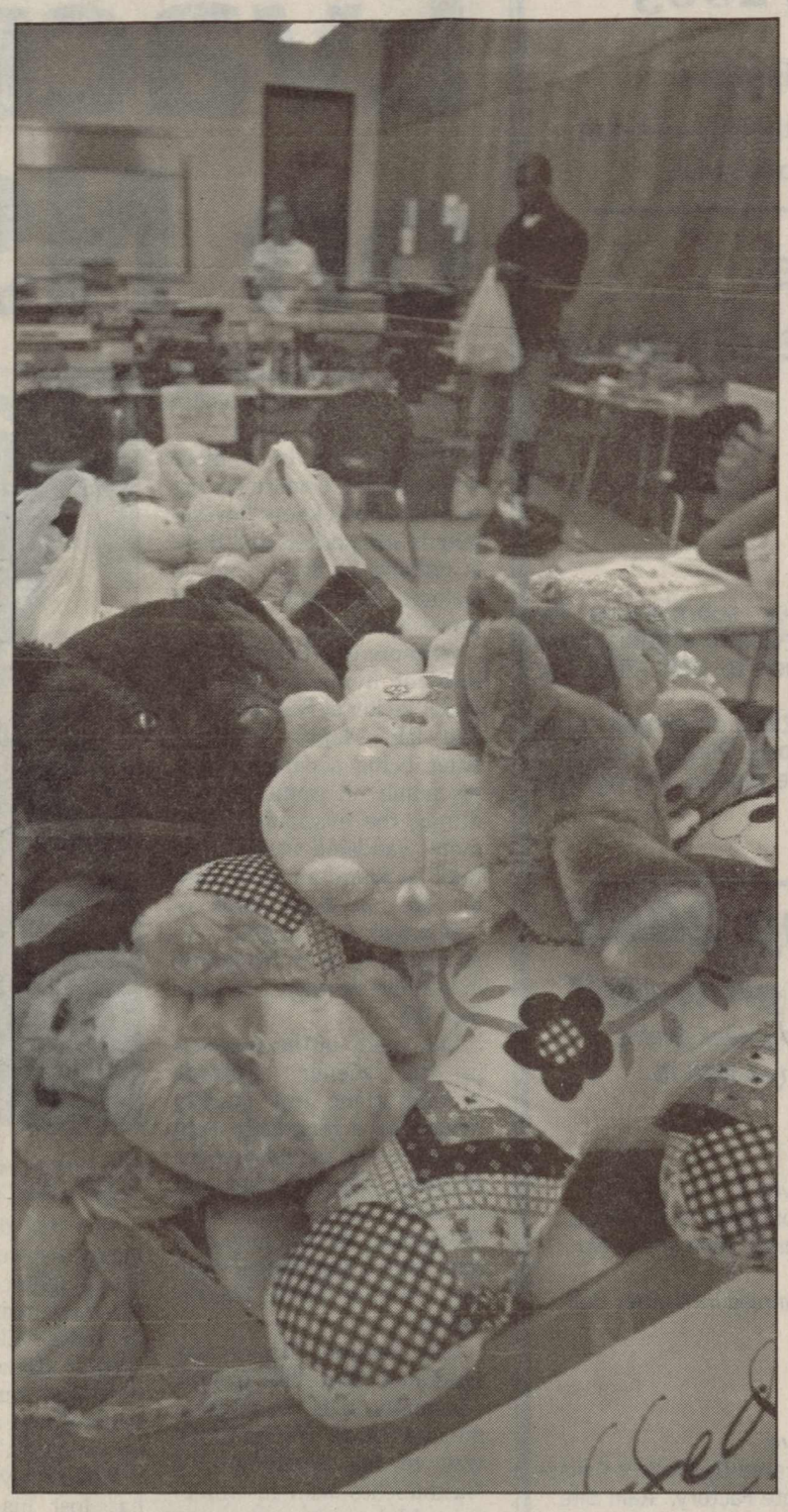
Both Seymour and Webb were confident about the choice of Moulton for the position.

Seymour said, "She will do the job with vigor, which will complement NSU."



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Donated stuffed animals overflow in a bin in the Red Cross shelter in the Health and P.E. Majors Building. The shelter has received many diverse donations from Natchitoches citizens.

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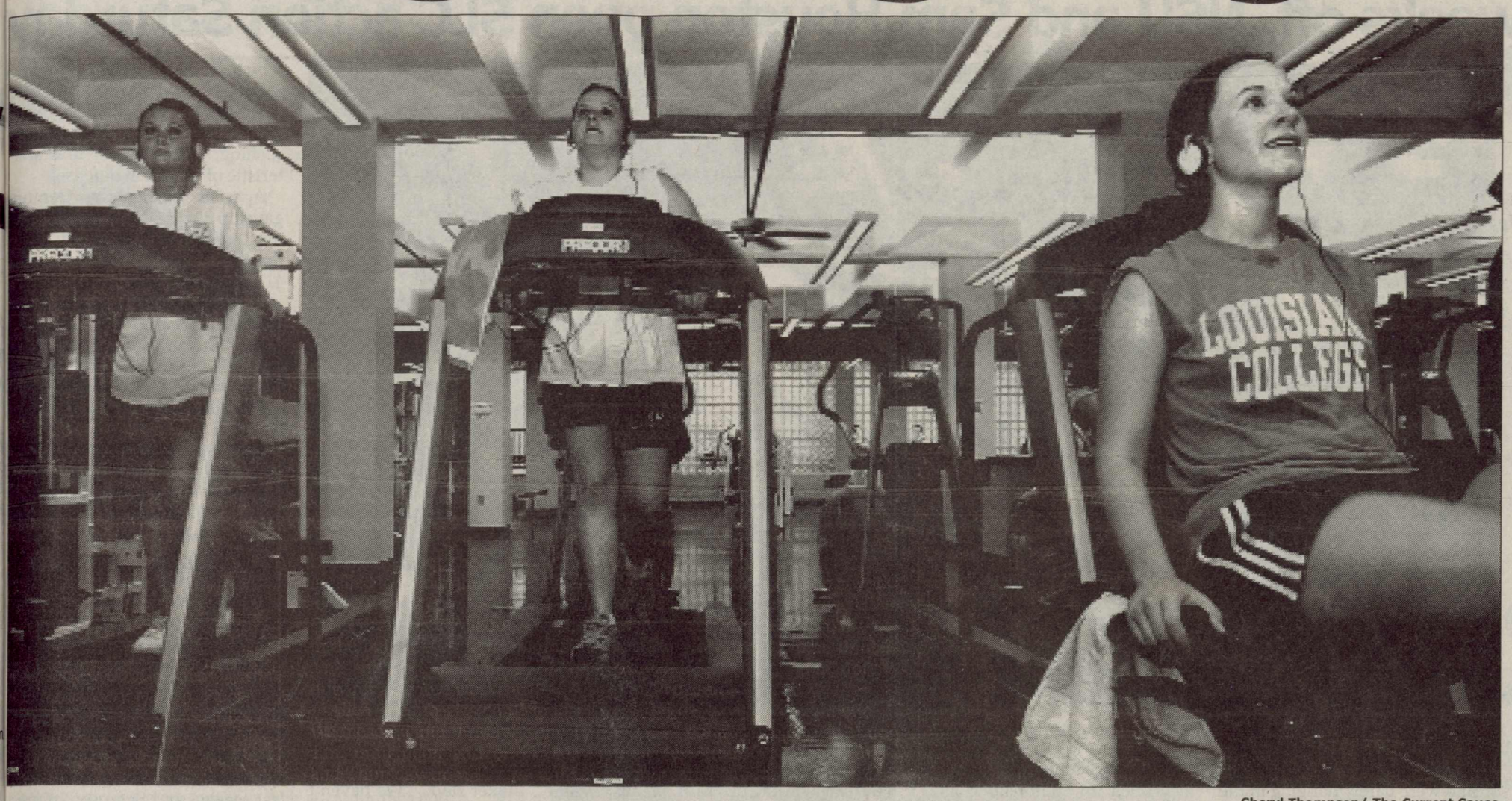
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Doing things right



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From left: freshmen Jessica Edwards, Sommer Holloway and Randi Hamner exercise at the WRAC. The new facility features a weight room, cardio exercise equipment, aerobic classrooms and locker rooms.

WRAC helping students get healthy the right way

By Andi Bass
Sauce Reporter

Diet pills and crash diets may help students temporarily shed unwanted pounds, but they can be unhealthy or even dangerous. The new $8.3 million Wellness, Recreation and Activity Center offers students ways to get fit the right way, the healthy way.

Unlike pills and crash diets, exercise has many benefits besides weight loss. According to a report by the Surgeon General, exercise can increase energy and self-esteem and combat depression, heart disease and bad cholesterol.

However, before beginning a workout routine, students are encouraged to stop by the fitness assessment lab to set up a proper exercise plan. For $15, students can get a fitness assessment, which includes body fat composition, blood pressure and heart rate readings and flexibility and endurance tests. Using this and other information provided by the student, a exercise prescription can be made to help students reach their goals.

Laura Bee, a junior in secondary education, stated that she "had no idea where to start" so she headed to the fitness assessment lab. After taking the fitness assessment, she purchased a personal training package to help keep her motivated.

"My trainer, Rebecca Smith, was really nice and even called me after Rita to see if I was O.K." Bee said.

Bee is not the alone when it comes to needing motivation. According to the American Heart Association, only 50 percent of those who begin a workout program are still committed six months later. To help, the WRAC offers personal trainers that keep students motivated. The one-on-one attention also helps students reach their goals faster. Students can purchase one session at a time or packages that include 3 to 16 sessions.

Students can also partake in any of the nearly 20 group exercise classes offered. For a high intensity workout try a spin, power abs or boot camp class. To increase strength and toning check out Pilates, yoga and power flex. The classes run 50 minutes long and are held from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. so that all students can find something that will fit their schedule.

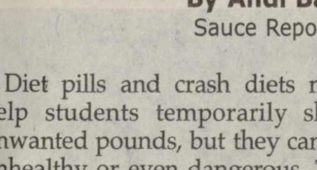
For a more casual workout, students can visit the volleyball, badminton, basketball and racquetball courts. Equipment for these can be checked out from the front desk. Currently, there are two basketball courts open, with an additional two scheduled to open soon.

The WRAC also has an indoor track, free weight and strength machine rooms, and cardio area. Andrew Moon, a nursing major sophomore explains "The weight room has anything you would want to work out with and it's big enough that you are not bumping into other people".

Education is a large part of getting and staying fit, so every month a wellness seminar is offered for students. The first seminar, "Become a Healthier You," was held on September 28th. E-mails are sent to students announcing upcoming seminars.

This seasons pumpkin pie and holiday cookies will leave many with an unwanted present, extra weight. However, taking part in all that the WRAC has to offer can help keep extra holiday weight at bay, making the next swimsuit season a little less stressful.

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- *The Amityville Horror*
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- *Kingdom of Heaven (Oct. 11)*
- *Unleashed (Oct. 11)*

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A day in the life of a residential adviser

By Katie Lopez
Sauce Reporter

"When you are a residential adviser your job is never done," said Sylvia Allen, a sophomore criminal justice major and residential adviser for Bossier Hall.

When one of the residents of her hall is locked out, she is the one that is called to unlock the door, no matter the time of day.

On duty night Allen has to stay in the building from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m. and once a month she is on duty for an entire weekend.

Allen goes to class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. until noon and on Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. After class she works the front desk and then goes back to her room. Even though she is off work, she is still on call.

"My hall is pretty quiet and I usually get to sleep. I guess the noise level depends on where you live and the people down your hall," Allen said.

This semester began with unexpected responsibilities for the residential advisers. Hurricane Rita caused things to be run a little differently.

When the storm hit and the electricity went out everyone was brought out into the hall and had to stay there until it was safe for them to go back into their rooms.

Like Allen, senior residential adviser of Varnado Hall, David Fox, has accepted the constant responsibilities of the job.

"As a residential adviser you are basically always on call. You are never off," Fox said.

Fox's busiest days are Tuesdays and Thursday when he has to juggle both work and class.

"I wake up at 8:30 a.m., work from 9 am. until 10 a.m., go to class from 11 a.m. until 11:45 p.m., go back to work from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. and again from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m." Fox said.

Advisers have duty night once a week where they have to sit at the front desk from 6 p.m. until midnight. After midnight they can leave but they are still on call.

"For me working on Thursday nights is the worst because everyone goes out and that is the night everyone seems to lock themselves out of their rooms. That means even though I am sleeping I have to get up and let them into their room," said Fox.

Fox also does not have a problem with enforcing the rules of the dorm.

"Quiet time is one rule that I don't have a problem enforcing, but every dorm is different. I guess it depends on what kind of students you have staying down your hall," Fox said.



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David Fox, a residential adviser in Varnado Hall studies in his dorm.

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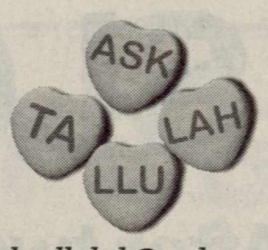
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Dear Readers,

Ahhh…it's that time of year, again. Fall, autumn--I don't care what you want to call it, but it still feels like summer, doesn't it? The only difference is there are those little annoying things called classes that seem to have only been created for the sole purpose of interrupting your social life and naps. And, really, who doesn't love a good nap?

Anyway, I suppose I will save my 'Ode to Naps' for another day, and just say,

"Welcome back to another enlightening semester here at NSU." We learned many things in this column last year. For those of you who missed it…fret not. To quickly recap, we decided that picking your nose on a first date was a bad idea, we discovered that some girls are feeling a little dissatisfied because they do, indeed want sex more often than guys, and that promise rings were cute in high school, but we're not in high school anymore. Major issues were dissected and discussed in great detail, it's understandable if you have a hard time catching up.

So, for those of you who are new to campus, I thought I'd start off by telling you a few of the things I believe or wonder about. I believe in NSU students' right to wear their pajamas to class (and yes, I do think those bunny slippers add a sassy yet sophisticated touch to your ensemble). I don't believe in 8 o'clock classes…ever.

I wonder why we have chickens on our campus right next to the Union…where they serve chicken. I believe that it is necessary to be yourself because there are people who will dislike you no matter what you do.

I believe in non-conformity. I believe in wearing flip-flops year round. I don't believe in harming or hurting others for the sake of a good laugh. I do believe that everyone on NSU campus has been forced to be in a class with an attention hungry student who asks fifty million questions therefore monopolizing the professor's time and making everyone stay after class should have already been dismissed. I, also, believe these people find my schedule each semester and sign up for every class I have.

I wonder why if 1 in every 12 Cokes is a winner, why am I never a winner after drinking 12 Cokes?

The most important thing I want everyone to know, however, is that I truly believe in listening to other opinions, and then doing what you want. Since I'm writing an advice column that might seem like a weird belief, but I know how I make decisions, and I really don't think that any of you are really going to be that different.

Besides if we all took the first scrap of advice someone gave us where would we be? I know if I listened to my high school counselor, I'd still be at home wasting away at some lame minimum wage job never having gone to college. Thanks, Counselor, but what you called 'disruptiveness' and an 'attitude problem' I saw as a zest for learning and quite possibly a sign of creative genius – not everyone can get kicked out of four classes in one day while still maintaining that 3.5 GPA (I would have tried for the 4.0, but, honestly, nobody likes a smart ass – let that be a lesson to you).

In the end, readers, this column is all about you –what you think, wonder about, or just absolutely hate. Most importantly, this is about what you have problems with. I know that everyone isn't perfect, especially me, and we have a ton of stuff that we don't understand or can't relate to. For instance, men may wonder why women just can't go it alone to the bathroom, and women may wonder why, well, why men do any of the things they do. This is the place were you can discuss or ask about these kinds of things freely, and no one has to know who you are. So write me, make up a crazy name, and get some advice on why that person who will remain nameless keeps staring lustily at your toes.

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SLC co-champs face off

After two weeks off, NSU and Sam Houston open SLC action Saturday

By Justin Hebert
Sports Editor

Head coach Scott Stoker and his Demon football team have not played a game since their 49-28 loss at the hands of Louisiana-Lafayette Sept. 17.

The Demons were scheduled to host Texas Southern at Turpin Stadium Sept. 24, but due to Hurricane Rita, that game was not played. The following Saturday, Oct. 1, was slated as an open date for NSU. Despite the efforts of NSU athletic officials, they were unable to find an able or willing opponent to fill the gap.

"I've never been in a situation where we've gone this long without playing a game," Stoker said. "It will be interesting to see how we come out and play."

Stoker and his squad are 1-2, which marks the first time they have been under the .500 mark in his four years coaching at NSU.

They have not won a game in over a month since they defeated ULM in a come-from-behind thriller Sept. 1. NSU was then drummed by No. 9 North Dakota State 35-7 at home the week before suffering their loss in Lafayette.

Stoker and the Demons saw themselves start the season ranked No.7 nationally in Division I-AA and even move up as high as No. 4 in one poll after their victory over I-A ULM.



Cheryl Thompson / THE CURRENT SAUCE
Senior quarterback Davon Vinson has been the offensive leader for NSU as they begin Southland Conference play at Sam Houston State Saturday at 2 p.m.

Following the loss to North Dakota State, NSU dipped to No. 13 and were barely hanging in the top 25 the week following their second loss. With their Sept. 24 contest canceled, the Demons fell even further, but rose to as high as No. 21 this week.

On two weeks rest, Stoker and his Demons are heading to Bowers Field in Huntsville, Texas, as they open up Southland Conference play with Sam Houston State Saturday at 2 p.m., which holds a share of the 2004 SLC championship with the Demons.

"Winning this game will be a huge statement for us," Stoker said. "Anytime we can win on the road is big for us, especially if you can win on the road in this conference."

NSU drummed the Bearkats and quarterback Dustin Long Nov. 13 of last year in Turpin 27-45 en route to their conference title.

"It's extremely important that we get off to a good start in this game," Stoker said. "We haven't done that yet this year."

Maybe more important than jumping out early on SHSU is the strong play of their "Purple Swarm" defense.

NSU's nationally ranked defense gave up 49 points to ULL, which is the most allowed in a regular-season game by NSU since 1997. The Ragin' Cajuns gained 544 yards, 322 of them rushing, which is very uncharacteristic of a Demon defense.

A week earlier the Demons gave up 321 yards and three passing touchdowns losing by 28 to the Bison, and were scorched for 411 yards by ULM.

"I thought we've played good defense up until the Lafayette game," Stoker said. "I still think we are a very good defensive team, which we'll need to be to get the offense going against Sam Houston."

Senior quarterback Davon Vinson, who is 34 of 69 passing for 458 yards with five touchdowns will look to trigger a Demon offense that is averaging 359.5 yards per game. Vinson is also NSU's leading rusher with 215 yards, followed by senior tailback Shelton Sampson who has 112.

Preseason All-SLC picks Sampson and defensive end Ed Queen will be held out of Saturday's game due to injuries. Queen, a preseason All-American, is suffering lower back problems that have been bothering him since last season, and Sampson injured his shoulder after having it surgically repaired over the summer.

The Demons will return to Turpin Stadium Oct. 15 to host Southeastern Louisiana for NSU's Homecoming.

3-0 start has NSU leading the SLC

By Justin Hebert
Sports Editor

After having their league opener with Stephen F. Austin postponed due to Hurricane Rita, the NSU soccer team has jumped out to a 3-0 start beating Nicholls State, Southeastern and Louisiana- Monroe

"It's really good that we were able to play that way after having that many days off," Demon head coach Jimmy Mitchell said. "We got out of a rhythm and it's not always easy to come out and play hard after that."

Wednesday night the Demons defeated the Lady Indians 3-0 at Monroe. Senior defender Tara Powasnik scored the first point of the match seconds into the second half and senior Heather Penico scored two goals preserving the Demons untarnished conference record.

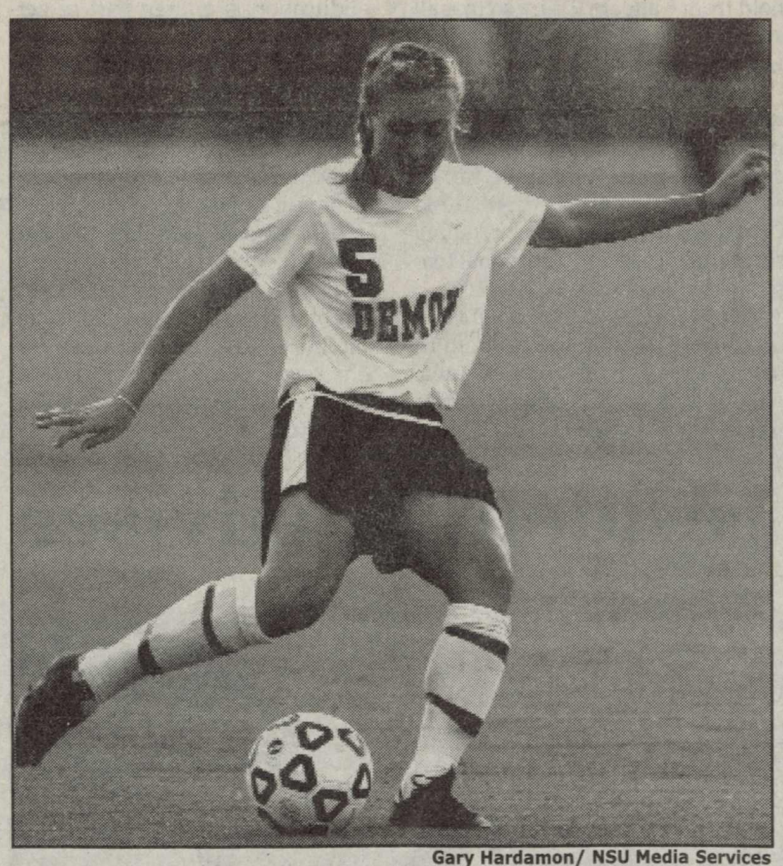
NSU 4 – SLU 1

On Sunday, just 15 minutes into their match with the Lady Lions of Southeastern (2-5-1, 0-1), the Demons (6-4-1, 2-0) took the lead for good, and notched their second league win in as many matches with a 4-1 victory at the Demon Soccer Complex.

Sunday marked the first time the Demons have defeated the Lady Lions in Natchitoches since 2002.

"We lost a really close game with them last year at their place," Mitchell said. "We just kept stressing that we outplayed them last year but we just couldn't come out with the win. It was important for us to play well for 90 minutes."

NSU's first two goals of the match came off of freshman midfielder Hannah Casey's corner kicks. The first was headed in by sophomore forward Erin Hebert 11 minutes into the match to make it 1-0. Just six minutes later, senior defender Ashley Hadley headed in another corner kick by Casey to provide the Demons with all of the scoring they would need.



Gary Hardamon/ NSU Media Services
Senior Heather Penico attempts a shot against Southeastern Sunday at the Demon Soccer Complex. Penico has been a big reason for NSU's early success.

"Once again we were able to jump out to a good lead 2-0 and we were able to relax a little," Mitchell said.

Hebert headed in her second goal off an assist by sophomore defender Carrie Crowell early on in the second half to push the score to 3-0. With a little over 20 minutes remaining, the Demons padded their lead even more when Hadley scored her second goal of the match on an assist from junior midfielder Natalie Waguespack.

The Lady Lions were able to elude being shutout with about 10 minutes remaining when Janae Sheldon scored a free kick past NSU sophomore goalie Johnna Klohoker making it 4-1. Klohoker notched her second win of the season, and of the weekend, filling in for Krystle Donaldson who was resting a knee injury.

NSU 7 – NSU 1

Friday in Thibodeaux preseason All-SLC picks Julie Zavala and Penico both recorded hat tricks, scoring three goals a piece, as the Demons soccer team routed the Lady Colonels (2-6, 0-1) of Nicholls State 7-1. Junior forward Marliese Latiolais also scored a goal for the Demons.

"It was really good for us that we were able to go down there and play so well after having that time off due to the weather," Mitchell said. "That's a tough place to play because they have a small field. We were able to jump out to a big lead and relax."

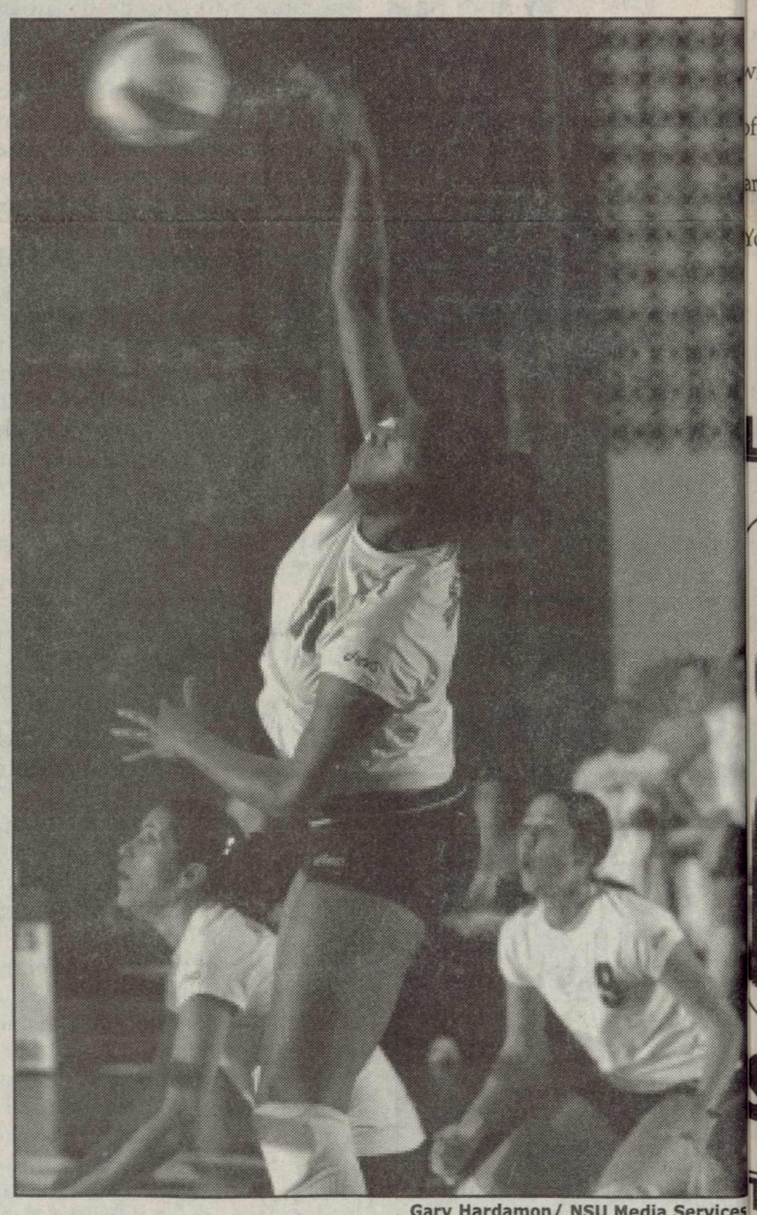
> "Heather's got a lot of ability and this season she is really playing up to it."
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> **Jimmy Mitchell**
> NSU Soccer head coach

Penico scored her first two goals 20 minutes into the match to give NSU the lead. Shortly after, Zavala, the squad's leading scorer with 19 points, put the Demons ahead 3-0 at halftime.

After Nicholls got on the board in the first few minutes of the second half, Zavala recorded her second goal at the 61:01 mark. With 20 minutes remaining Penico notched her third goal, and shortly after Latiolais pushed the Demons lead to 6-1.

"Heather's got a lot of ability and this season she is really playing up to it," Mitchell said. "Julie's proven all along how good of a player she is."

With only eight minutes left, Zavala scored her third goal to finish off the Lady Colonels 7-1. Klohoker recorded her first win of the season giving up only one goal and recording one save.



Gary Hardamon/ NSU Media Services
Sophomore Whitney King spikes the ball against Texas-Arlington as seniors Isabela Duarte, left, and Priscilla Augusto await a return.

Lady Demons down UTA and ULL at Prather

By Justin Hebert
Sports Editor

Just three days after thrashing SLC foe Texas-Arlington for the first time ever, the NSU volleyball team made quick work of Louisiana-Lafayette Tuesday night in Prather Coliseum taking the first three games 30-23, 30-23 and 30-20.

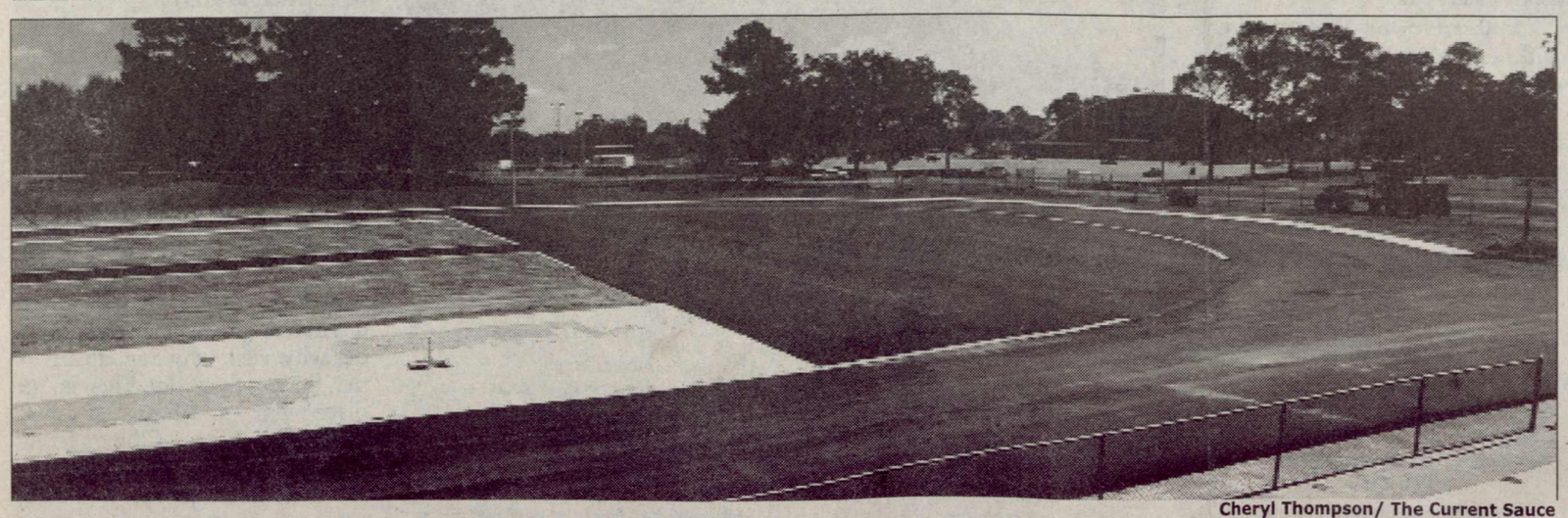
Whitney King, 2004 Louisiana Sports Writer Freshman of the Year led the Lady Demons (5-7, 3-2) against the Ragin' Cajuns (3-11) with 12 kills. Meanwhile junior Janel Fisher notched nine kills and senior Priscila Augusto finished with eight.

Saturday in Prather, Mullins watched as five Lady Demons finished with double-digit kills as NSU broke a 0-30 losing streak against the Lady Mavs of Texas-Arlington (2-11, 0-4) taking the first three games 30-15, 30-24, 33-31.

King and Augusto each finished with 13 kills, junior Juliana Abreu and senior Shannon Puder added 11 and Fisher had 10 as NSU improved to 3-2 in Southland Conference action after jumping out to a 2-0 conference start.

Libero Rachel Ford recorded 19 digs for the Lady Demons, while senior Flavia Belo had 10 digs to go along with a whopping 51 assists.

NSU will get back into league play Friday at Texas-San Antonio at 6 p.m. and then travel to play Texas State at 4 p.m. Saturday.



Cheryl Thompson/ The Current Sauce
Since August, the Walter P. Ledet Complex at NSU has been undergoing construction. The new track and field event area is set to be completed before the start of the 2006 outdoor track season. Head track coach Leon Johnson has already scheduled a home track event on March 8, four years after the last time NSU has had a home track meet. The project was awarded to Regional Construction Company of Natchitoches and is to cost nearly $1.1 million.

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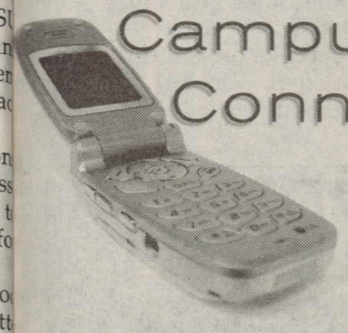
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Campus Connections



The Current Sauce welcomes submissions for **Campus Connections**, a free service to organizations planning events that will be open to NSU students.

Bring **Connections** to **Kyser 225G**, or e-mail them to **thecurrentsauce@gmail.com**. Please include a name and telephone number. We reserve the right to refuse any **Connection**.

Rape Defense Class Scheduled

NSU will offer Rape Aggression Defense Systems, a basic self-defense class for women, Oct. 17-20 in the Student Union Ballroom from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The course will offer women instruction on reducing the risk of being sexually assaulted, preventing or avoiding attacks, becoming more aware of their surroundings and date rape drugs.

At the end of the course, participants will have an opportunity to test their self-defense skills on R.A.D. instructors.

For more information, call 318-352-8101 or 318-357-7800.

Campus clean-up project begins

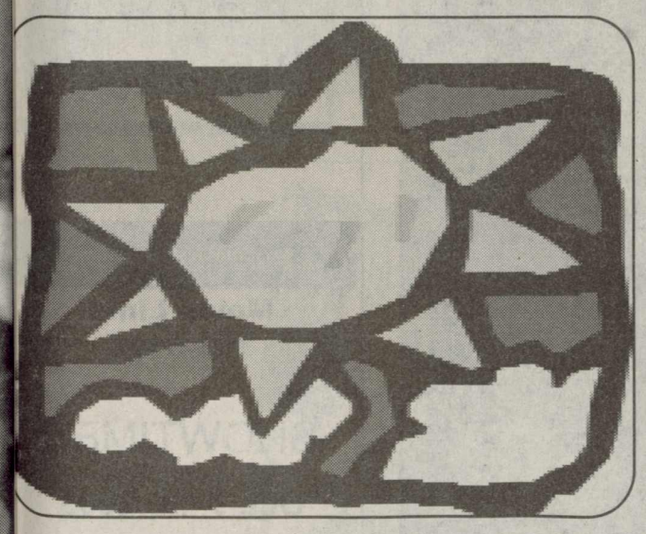
The kickoff for "PROJECT: Purple Pride - Campus Wide!" will take place today at 4:30 p.m. in front of the WRAC.

The project is an effort to beautify the campus in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Any department or group can sponsor a team to adopt an area of campus to keep clean. All supplies will be provided.

For more information, call Reatha Cox at 318-357-5559 or Yonna Pasch or John Ziegler at 318-357-6511.

Local Weather Forecast



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NSU restructures core requirements

By Kera Simon
Sauce Reporter

The core curriculum required for graduation at NSU has been revised.

Thomas Hanson, vice president of academic affairs, said the changes to the core consist of reorganized course categories. These modifications were affected to make NSU's core requirements match those of the Louisiana Board of Regents.

The Louisiana Board of Regents, the governing board for higher education in the state, established the new requirements for state universities.

Some universities have already enacted these changes. NSU's revisions will go into effect for the fall 2006 semester.

The changes will appear in the 2006-2007 NSU Course Catalog. The revised core will affect the 2006 freshman class as well as students who change their majors and are assigned to the 2006-2007 Course Catalog for their graduation requirements.

The most noticeable change is the lack of a single general core curriculum.

The core is now separated by degrees including: Baccalaureate Degrees (4 years), Associate of Art and Associate(non-designated) Degrees (2 years), and the Associate of Science Degrees (2 years).

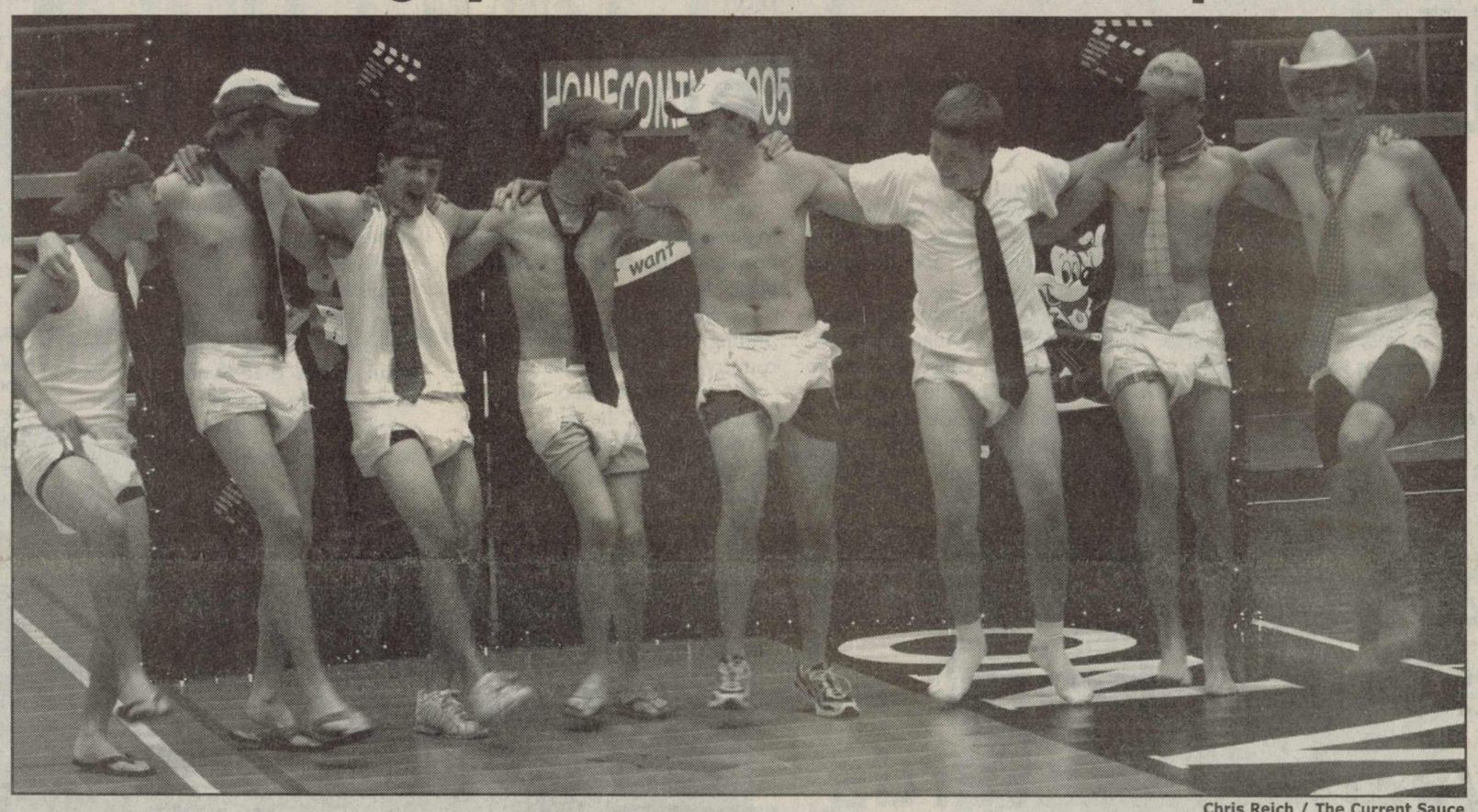
The Baccalaureate Degree still consists of eight parts. The category "Communications" was changed to "English." Six hours of English are still required (English 1010, English 1020).

The optional English classes (English 2050, 2060, 2070, 2080, 3210, 3230 or Speech 1010) were moved to the "Humanities" category. Philosophy 1010 and 1020 were moved from the "Social Science" category to "Humanities," as were History 1010, 1020, 2010, and 2020.

Similar regrouping can be seen in the Associate of Arts and Associate (non-designated) Degrees, and the Associate of Science Degrees. The number of hours and classes remain the same.

Lisa Abney, acting head of the English department, said the changes will also eliminate a loophole in the old core requirements that allowed some students to substitute English classes for history courses and vice versa.

Are these guys for real? That 'depends!'



Chris Reich / The Current Sauce

Kappa Alpha Order's pledges perform at the lip sync contest Monday night in Prather Coliseum. For more photos from this week's Homecoming activities, see page 3.

Accomplished journalist returns to teach at NSU

By Lela Coker
Sauce Reporter

Journalism professor John Merrill has come full circle.

Merrill began his teaching career in 1951 at NSU, and now he has returned as the Wise Endowed Chair in Journalism.

"It is a great pleasure to be here, " Merrill said. "I can't explain the feelings I have coming back to Northwestern. I see the same dedication to the students now as I did in the fifties."

Maj. Gen.Erbon W. and Marie Wise, two NSU alumni, established the Wise Endowed Chair in Journalism in 2003 with a $400,000 donation to NSU.

NSU President Randall Webb said, " We're honored to have Merrill come back. I felt honored we can attract him due to Gen. Erbon and Marie Wise's generosity and establishment of the endowed chair.

"It is especially gratifying that he has returned to the school where he began his career. Northwestern's journalism department is fortunate to have someone of Dr. Merrill's caliber working with our staff and students."

Merrill left NSU in 1961 and has taught in numerous universities nationally and abroad. He has also written more than 25 books and published over 100 journal articles. He has also worked as a newspaper reporter, wire editor and columnist and has conducted conferences in 75 countries.

Merrill returned to NSU in August and plans to stay through April. He said he will then return to Columbia, Mo. with his wife Dottie.

"It's great for us," Dottie said. "Three of our children were born here. We have many pleasant memories here. Natchitoches still has the charm we remember and we still have friends here."

Faculty members are pleased to have Merrill back as well.

"It has been intellectually stimulating to have Dr. Merrill here," Journalism Department Head Paula Furr said. "It is an honor for us to have Dr. Merrill come back."

Because of his 50 plus years of teaching experience, Merrill has impacted countless students, one of whom is NSU Vice President of External Affairs Jerry Pierce. Pierce said Merrill is possibly the most prominent journalism teacher in the nation.

"We need more like him," Pierce said. "Having him is almost impossible to put into words because of his prominence in this field. He is an outstanding journalist and educator."

On Oct. 6, Merrill was recognized as the recipient of the Wise Endowed Journalism Chair at a reception in Hanchey Gallery. He received a custom-made, engraved chair.

"The Wise Chair- you can't beat that," Merrill said.



Cheryl Thompson / The Current Sauce

(From left) NSU President Randall Webb, Brenda Webb, Dottie Merrill and John Merrill pose with the Wise Endowed Journalism Chair at a reception in the Hanchey Gallery Thursday. John Merrill received the Chair in recognition of his accomplishments in the field of journalism.

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NSU art student wins city poster contest



Courtesy of City of Natchitoches
Art major Alexandra Nieto's winning design for the 26th Annual Christmas Festival poster contest.

By Lindsay Larcom
Sauce Reporter

The Natchitoches Arts Council has selected senior art major Alexandra Nieto's "Cane River Christmas" as the 26th Annual Christmas Festival poster.

Nieto's piece was selected from 19 entries. Nieto said she drew inspiration from local scenery and past Festival posters.

"I started going around town and sketching the river and Front Street," Nieto said.

Nieto included fireworks, magnolias and the riverfront in a nighttime setting into her design. She said her intent was to incorporate images that symbolized traditional Natchitoches.

Nieto heard about the poster contest while attending the first session of summer school. Nieto said she submitted her entry with no real hopes of winning and was pleasantly surprised by her victory.

"It feels really good and it's such an honor to be chosen," she said.

Nieto took her first art class at NSU. She expressed gratitude to the NSU art department for "rai ing (her) as an artist."

Nieto's original poster is di played alongside previous Fes val posters at the Office for Co munity Development at 4 Fourth St. Signed and numbere prints of the posters are availab for $35.

A poster order form is availab on the Web at cityofnatch toches.net.

NSU Police Blotter

Oct. 8

2:28 p.m.

Police received a call reporting individuals drinking in front of the WRAC.

6:22 p.m.

A student called to report a theft from her car in the Bossier parking lot.

Oct. 9

8:57 p.m.

A car parked in a campus fire zone was reported hit.

Oct. 10

11:59 p.m.

A car on campus was rolled with toilet paper.

Oct. 11

12:39 a.m.

Officers received a call reporting shots fired at the College Avenue Apartments.

6:50 p.m.

A worker from Iberville requested an officer to help with a troublesome student.

Oct. 12

3:57 p.m.

A student called from Sabine Hall to report that her roommate had been missing since she left for McDonald's at 11 p.m.

Kyle Shirley

Displaced student adjusts to life at NSU

By Andi Bass
Sauce Reporter

"I wish this would have never happened. I wish I was at home, laying in bed, waking up from a nightmare, not waking up and living the nightmare," Cornelius "Seth" Spottsville said regarding his life since Hurricane Katrina.

Spottsville is a former student of the University of New Orleans and Delgado Community College who is now attending NSU. He is one of the approximately 150 displaced students at NSU.

Spottsville, a junior journalism major, worked at Delgado's television station and chose to come to NSU because of the journalism department's broadcast program.

Spottsville said choosing a school was easy compared to choosing what classes to take.

"I didn't have a transcript. I had to guess what classes I was going to need and what could be transferred back," he said.

As Spottsville and others are finding, the crossover from city to country life can be difficult.

"It's a cultural limbo. The difference is so great," he said.

While some evacuees are finding that starting over is not cheap, there is some relief.

"The FEMA check helped a lot," as has "the kindness of strangers," Spottsville said.

Spottsville plans to return to New Orleans in December, but feels he will be in the minority. He pointed out that "once most of them get jobs and establish themselves elsewhere, it's going to be a battle to get them to return to nothing."

A poll conducted by the Washington Post and the Harvard School of Public Health validates his beliefs. The poll found that only 43% of those surveyed planned to return to New Orleans.

Since the hurricane, Spottsville has been back to his condominium in Metairie twice to collect personal belongings. His third floor dwelling managed to escape with only minimal damage.

For two days, Spottsville ar seven others were trapped in friend's house in Bogalusa, L which caught the eye of the stor Now he and many other displace students are trapped in an unfami iar town, away from friends ar family, while trying to concentra on studying and struggling wi the emotional and financial toll Katrina.

2005 *Potpourri* earns national yearbook awards

By Lela Coker
Sauce Reporter

The Potpourri, NSU's yearbook, has received three national awards for its 2005 edition.

The awards are Columbia Scholastic Press Association's Silver Medalist Certificate and American Scholastic Press Association's First Place with Special Merit and Most Outstanding Yearbook for 2005 in the category of Best Yearbook in the Nation for Colleges and Universities with 25,000+ students.

Mary Brocato, the Potpourri staff's faculty adviser, said awards from Columbia Scholastic Press Association are very prestigious.

"The awards offer national recognition and validation of our quality yearbook," Brocato said.

"It is a really good indication of the outstanding job our students are doing in their efforts to publish a book that is recognized nationally. It just shows we can hold our own with the best yearbooks in the country," Brocato said.

Jimmy Brown is the editor for this year's Potpourri and served as the book's associate editor last year.

"Mrs. Brocato told me about the awards," Brown said. "When I found out I was surprised, but at the same time I knew it was award worthy."

Last year's Potpourri editor, Darla Williford, is also working as this year's associate editor.

"The best part of getting this award was it made all the hard work worth it," Williford said. "It made us know we did a good job, and our yearbook stood out among other yearbooks nationally."

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association cited the 2005 Potpourri for being a visual book with strong photography. The American Scholastic Press Association commended the book for its writing, photography and page design, awarding the yearbook 950 out of a possible 1000 points.

The 2004 Potpourri received Columbia Scholastic Press Association's Gold Medalist Award and American Scholastic Press Association's First Place Award. Last year's Most Outstanding Yearbook award was new to the publication's list of accolades.

"It gives this year's staff a goal to work toward to try to win the awards again," Brocato said. "I think they will work very hard to get back to the Gold Medalist Award."

The book's staff received notification that it had received these commendations in mid-September.

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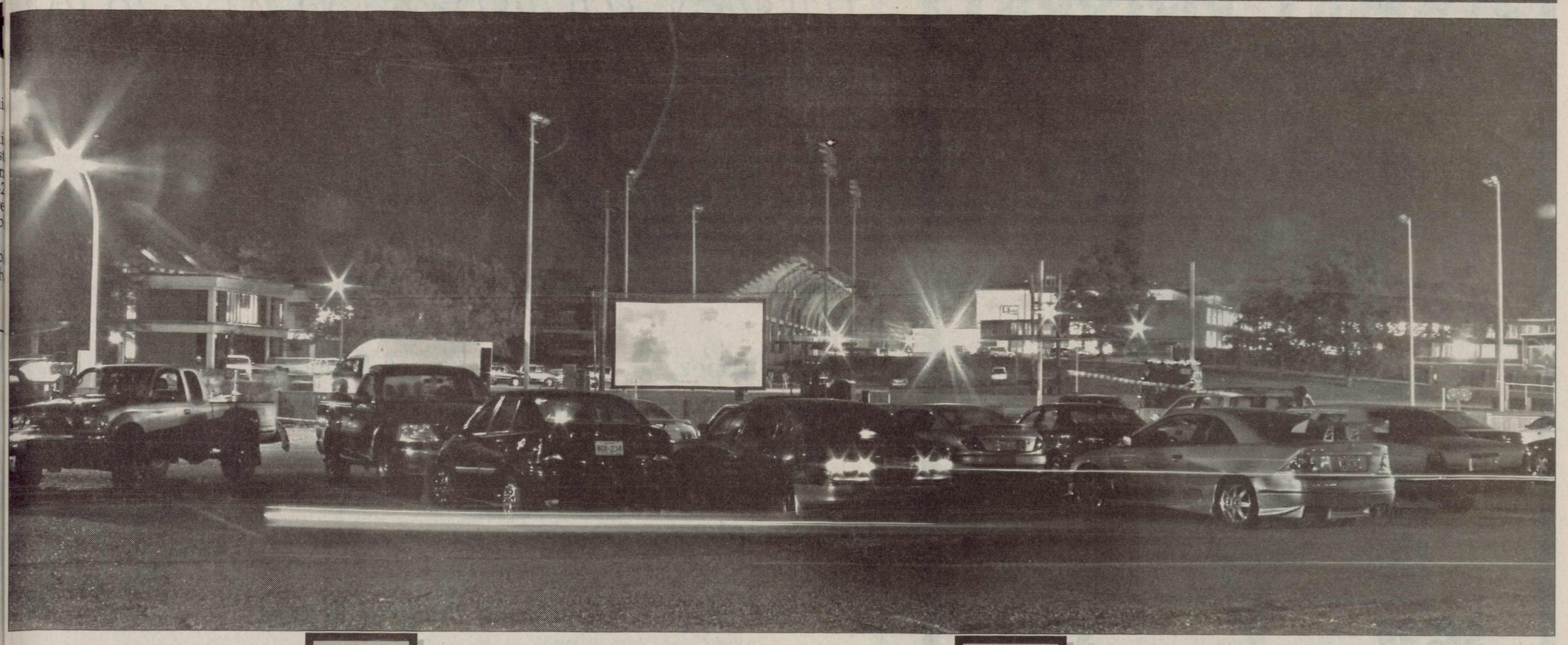
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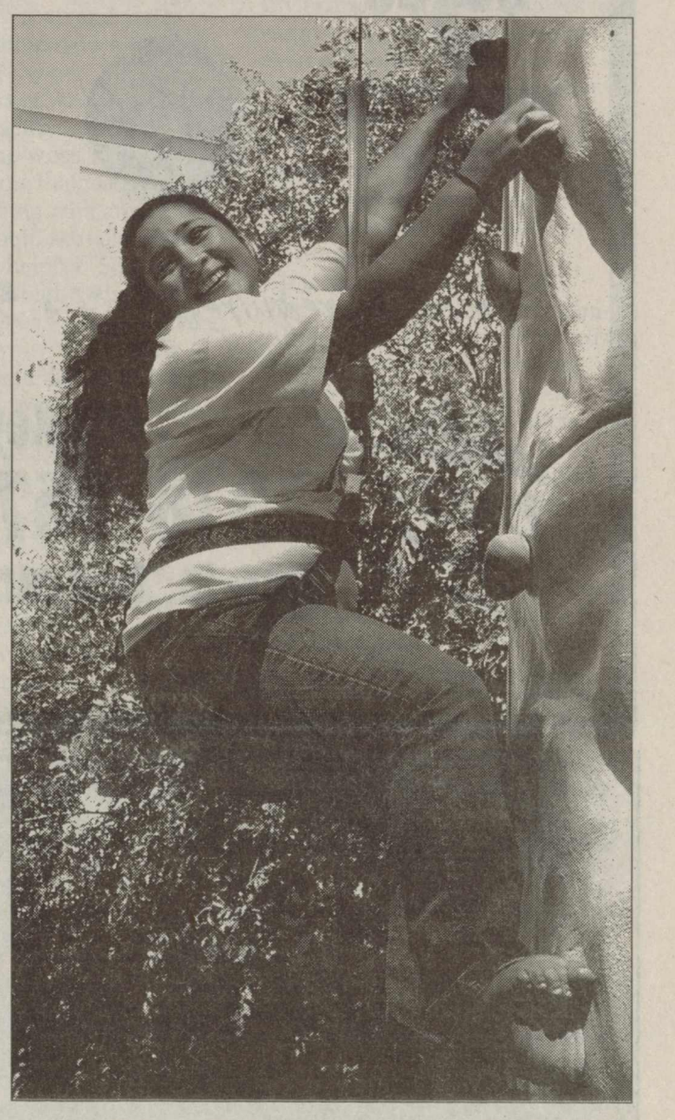
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NSU HOMECOMING 2005

"I don't want to grow up!"





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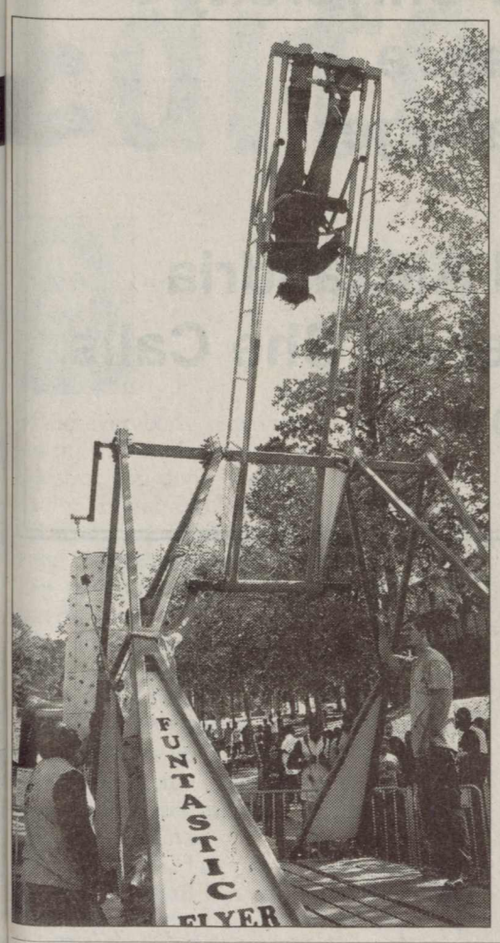
Freshman theatre major Brittany Guillory tries to climb the rock wall in front of the Student Union during Homecoming Fun Day (**Cheryl Thompson/The Current Sauce**);

Travis Eaglin, this year's Homecoming King, judges the Homecoming Hunnies Competition on Monday night (**Chris Reich/The Current Sauce**);

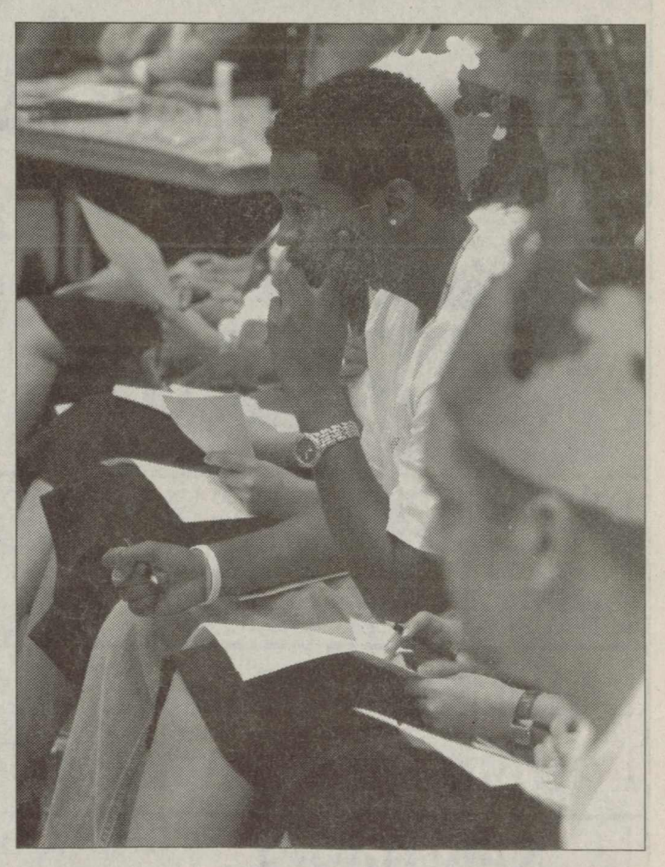
Freshman general studies major Edwin Ivory (left) fights with junior computer engineering major Frederick Taylor (right) (**Cheryl Thompson/The Current Sauce**);

From left, Remington Madlock, Josh Guyans and Charles Jones from Party Central in Bossier work the Fantastic Flyer for freshman biology major Katelyn Bourgeois at Homecoming Fun Day (**Cheryl Thompson/The Current Sauce**);

Morgan Cedars, a junior business administration major, performs at the Homecoming Lip Sync contest on Monday (**Chris Reich/The Current Sauce**).







Look for more Homecoming photos in next week's edition of *The Current Sauce*



Photo courtesy Teddric Matthews
Teddric Matthews spent the entire summer performing as "Mongojerri" in *Cats* .

Theatre student has *Purr*-fect summer

By Ashley Lewis
Sauce Reporter

NSU senior theater major Teddric Matthews is moving closer to Broadway, literally.

Matthews, who first enrolled at NSU as a math major, changed his major to theater after three semesters. Now he has been in theater for six years.

Matthews got his start in theater at Terrebonne High School in Houma, La.

He also participated in cheerleading and dance, hobbies that have carried over into his involvement with NSU's flag team.

"My passion is theater but I'm strongest in dance," Matthews said.

Matthews' stage experiences paid off when he received an audition with the Cumberland County Playhouse earlier this spring. His audition earned him the role of Mungojerri in the famous Broadway musical "Cats."

The show ran for 12 weeks this summer in Crossville, Tenn. According to The Tennessean, the play broke attendance records for the venue.

"I like musicals. I liked dancing in 'Cats' more than watching it. I fell in love with the choreography," Matthews said.

Matthews said one of his favorite moments in "Cats" was the Jellicle Ball, a 17-minute dance number.

"I've never been in an atmosphere where everyone was talented," Matthews said of his "Cats" experience. "I grew as a performer. My stage presence and dancing have gotten better."

"Cats" is one of the most celebrated and wildly produced musicals ever to hit the stage. It has been translated into ten languages and has been performed in places as varied as tents in Japan and Korea, an engine shed in Switzerland and high school gymnasiums across the United States.

After graduating in December, Matthews says he plans to leave for New York and audition for the Dance Theater of Harlem.

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Monica Randazzo	Crystal Whitman
Dawn Meek	Abigail Broussard

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Different folks, different strokes

New band director brings fresh ideas to the Spirit of Northwestern

By Kelli Fontenot
Sauce Reporter



Chris Reich/ The Current Sauce
Kevin Richardson, NSU's newest band director, walks through the band it rehearses this year's "Earth, Wind and Fire" show.

If you are familiar with the customs of marching band, you know that the phrase "Okay, let's try that one more time" inevitably means "at least six more times."

Water breaks are scarce, and sweat pools on the hot cement below the bodies of feeble freshmen. Students stumble around the parking lot, pleading for drinks, calling desperately to mirages in the distance. It is up to the directors of the band to gather their weak bodies and transform them into the energetic marching entity that we know and love.

Mr. Kevin Richardson, the new Assistant Professor of Music and Associate Director of Bands, has been teaching at Northwestern since the start of the 2005 fall semester.

At the beginning of the football season, some students were under the impression that he was planning on making several changes to the program, but he claims that he is doing no such thing. He wants to continue the tradition of excellence that Mr. Brent, the current Director of Bands, started over twenty years ago.

The "Spirit of Northwestern" marching band usually prepares three or four different marching shows during the football season. This is quite a change for many of Northwestern's new students because most high school bands learn one show and work on it throughout the year.

Freshman Amber Gaddy says that the most difficult part of marching season is "learning the music, because the piccolos have to do it by memory."

To an audience member, the precise movements executed by the band during a marching show may look very difficult, but Richardson insists that the students catch on very quickly.

Richardson also explains that it isn't all about making things look complicated. He wants band to be enjoyable for all of his students.

"College band is the most fun ensemble to be in because there are no competitions, like in high school. There's no stress," says Richardson. "Your sole purpose is to support the team and entertain the crowd."

Leaning over his desk, Richardson stresses to me the importance of the one rule that he has established here at Northwestern:

"No one shall be caught not having fun at any time."

So far, the students seem to be coping quite well with this regulation despite the blistering heat of marching practices and the challenging scores that they are required to learn.

Bryant Weldon, a freshman tuba player, agrees wholeheartedly with Mr. Richardson.

"Band is great," says Weldon. "That rule is more of a widely known fact than a rule. Of course I'm going to have fun. Music and fun are synonyms.

"Mr. Richardson is always trying his best to promote band spirit and hard work," adds Brandon Legnion, an enthusiastic baritone player.

For the graduating seniors (or "old men"), this is a very important year, and Richardson says that he wants to ensure that their last year is by far their best. He urges his students to strive for excellence in everything that they do, and to always maintain a sense of attention to detail.

Saxophonist Russ Couch thinks that Mr. Richardson has influenced the band in a very positive way.

"We are more of a family than just a group now. Sound has increased and our practices are more efficient. I'm very excited about this season; it looks very promising."

WHAT'S NEW IN STORES THIS WEEK:



In Music

- *Life*, Ricky Martin
- *Home*, The Corrs
- *Next*, Sevendust
- *Unplugged*, Alicia Keys
- *I Am Me*, Ashlee Simpson (Oct. 18)
- *Timeless*, Martina McBride (Oct. 18)

In Movies

- *Kingdom of Heaven*
- *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*
- *Unleashed*
- *Kicking and Screaming*
- *Batman Begins (Oct. 18)*
- *Saving Face (Oct. 18)*

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Fashionable Focus

Ok. I know that summer is over and fall has supposedly already snuck its way in; however, many folks are still reaping the consequences of staying out in the sun all summer long. Although those days of getting all oiled up to bask in those hot, summer rays are gone, you might not realize the damage that was done that you will have to live with—or so you thought!

No-Flair Hair

Have your locks lost their luster? Did the sun leave your tresses fried and dried? If you answered yes, it's time to revamp with a little TLC.

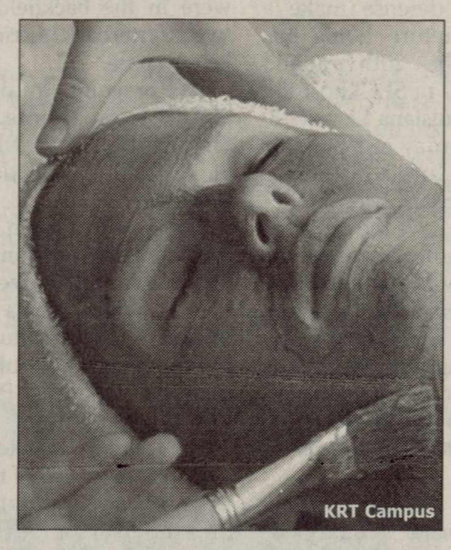
If you are broke and desperate (as most college kids are), cover your hair in mayonnaise (not the low-oil, diet kind) and cover with a shower hat for half an hour, this is only a temporary measure as it only makes the hair feel better and cannot feed the inside of the hair shaft!

If you spent much of the summer in chlorinated water or sea water, your hair color probably lost its shine and its luster. In order to get the life back in, there are a few things you've got to do. If your hair has gone green from swimming in chlorinated water, add a few drops of mercurochrome to your rinsing water or rub tomato sauce through the hair and rinse. These methods will neutralize the green.

Be sure not to make any chemical changes to your hair prior before going into the sun, pool or ocean next time. This will prevent your color from fading or turning unwanted colors. Also, be sure to comb through a waterproof sunscreen. Sunscreen also prevents your hair from everyday damage. If you're asking yourself if this will make your tresses look greasy, relax. Try one of the new "spray-on" sunscreens and apply a little after you have styled your hair for the day.

Scaly Skin, Flambéed Face

Do you ever notice when looking in a mirror after a long day out in the sun that your skin has become chapped or dried out? If you exercised, swam or did anything else outdoors this summer, you can probably answer yes to this. I've noticed that my skin hasn't exactly been as soft as a baby's bottom lately, but I owe that all to 3 p.m. band practices (thanks a lot!). I come home from a long day at rehearsal and my skin is itchy and dry and needs some attention.



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This seems like a pretty easy thing to remedy, doesn't it? Just wash your face with soap and water then put on some random moisturizer, right? Nope.

After speaking with a skin specialist (not a dermatologist) about my band camp woes, she explained to me that just washing and moisturizing with any random lotion could actually be more harmful than helpful. Soap and most lotions contain "glycerin" which is a chemical that can make you feel like your replenishing moisture to your skin, but actually it dries it out even more. That is why she recommends looking at the ingredients of a product before purchasing it. If you see glycerin as one of the top ingredients, set it back down and back away! Look for ones that are mainly made with water, proteins and silks. Anything organic will usually be safe, but always check first!

More important than just plain old moisturizing is protection from further damage. Always use sunscreen! There are organic sunscreens that can be used as moisturizers and sun protection.

Manis and Pedis

Up until this year I never really thought much of taking care of my hands and feet, but when I realized that those parts needed a little TLC after working all summer and being outside for band, I decided to do something.

Exfoliation is the first step. Choosing a salt or sugar scrub for your hands and feet is based on how badly they need attention. If has been a while since you did anything to your "mootsies and tootsies" I would go for a sugar scrub. Sugar is good for sloughing off any excess skin and it dissolves in warm water, making it easier to clean off—plus it smells nice!

After exfoliating, get out some cuticle oil and start rubbing it into those nail beds and cuticles. Keeping up with these parts of the nail will prevent hangnails and gnarly cuticles that could be painful in the future.

It is always good to use an emery board when filing or manicuring. But make sure afterwards, you use a vitamin-enriched nail hardener. This will keep your nails from breaking, and patch up any broken chips you may have acquired from thumbing around in the sand or playing too much beach volleyball.

After everything has dried, be sure you get out that non-glycerin moisturizer and lather up those hands and feet for a good hydrating soak. This treatment should make you feel like a king or queen again and not tired or worn out from the summer's activities.

Happy Spa Day!

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OPINIONS

Editorial



Lora Sheppard
Editor in Chief

Hello everybody, and welcome to Volume 91 of the *Current Sauce*!

Most of you don't know me, and some of you do. My name is Lora Sheppard, a senior journalism major, and I am the Editor in Chief for the 2005-2006 year.

I'm sure most of you are thinking, "And? Should I care?"

You should care, because the *Sauce* will be changing this year, and it was *you* who told us that we should change it. Some of you may recall the surveys that the *Sauce* staff compiled at the end of the last semester. While we gathered the information, we noticed patterns that occurred; answers that students and faculty wrote over and over.

The surveys had a primary purpose: to see how a future staff can make the *Sauce* into something that the audience would want to read. The *Sauce* is NSU's campus newspaper. *Your* campus newspaper. We are here to bring the news and facts to you, and I think that along the way, some *Sauce* staff members had forgotten that from time to time.

I want this year to be better, and I want all of you to enjoy reading the *Sauce* as much as the staff enjoys publishing it.

One of my goals is to not only add more campus news, but also include some parts of the campus that have been sorely neglected. This year is about bridging gaps and looking forward, not back at past mistakes. Greeks and other student organizations are an important part of the NSU experience, and news about that part of campus can be just as vital as the CAPA calendar and what the exam schedule will be in December. The *Sauce* knows this.

And I plan to prove it.

Not to be forgotten is the website for the paper, currentsauce.com. Some stories could be published online that were not published in the print edition, as well as additional pictures. As a bonus, the website usually has the newest edition up before the papers are in and distributed around campus. Just a thought.

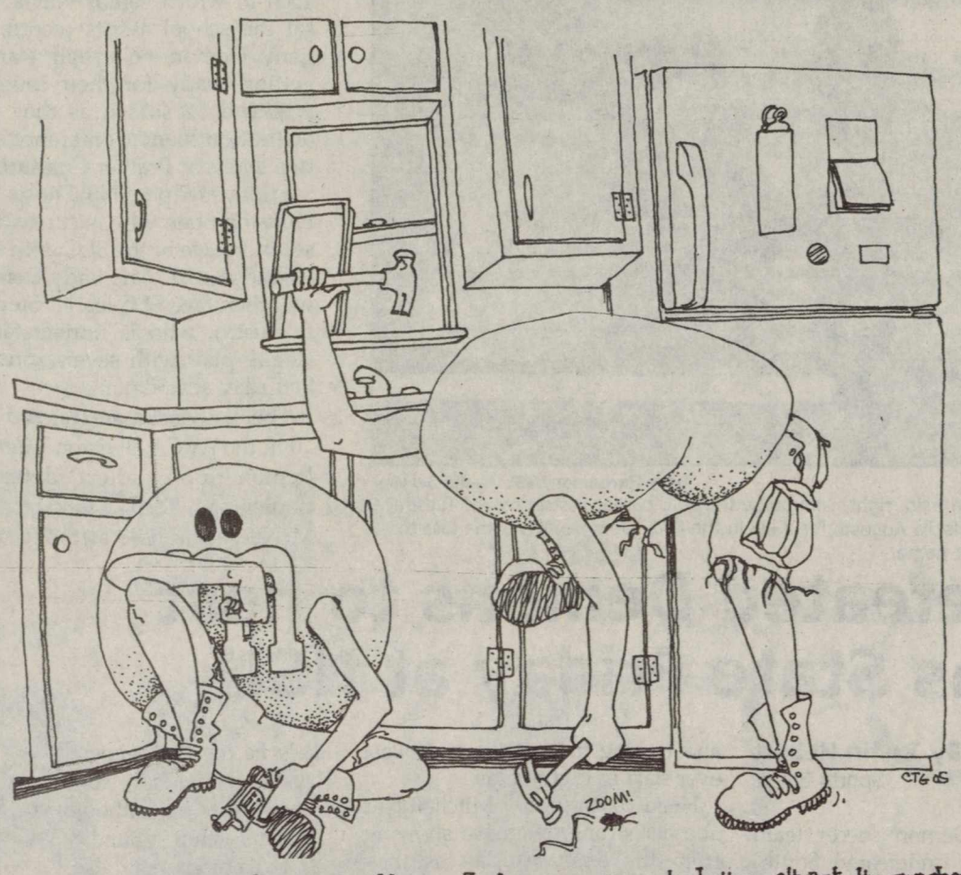
If there are any comments or suggestions, let us know. We want to know how we can make the *Sauce* better, and how you think it can be done. We want to hear from you. Feedback and constructive criticism tend to make me feel like a kid at Christmas-time, so all comments will be treasured, even those that are negative.

The students, faculty and staff of this university are important, and I have not forgotten that. I plan to bring you a paper that I hope, when all is said and done, we can all be proud of.

See you next week.

Sketch

By Conor Johnson



The point here is to camoflage oneself as a foodsource so as to better attract the roaches, and should you run out of bullets...hammers work in a pinch.

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Homecoming '05

The Demon's "Purple Swarm" defense will be looking to tame the Lions of Southeastern Saturday for NSU Homecoming.

By Justin Hebert
Sports Editor

The NSU football team and their Purple Swarm defense make a much awaited return home this weekend as the 20th ranked Demons (2-2, 1-0 in SLC) host the Southeastern Louisiana Lions (1-3, 0-1 in SLC) Saturday at 2 p.m. for Homecoming at Turpin Stadium.

Demon head coach Scott Stoker and his staff will have the duties of containing Southeastern senior quarterback Trey Willie and their strong passing attack that accounts for 257 of their almost 300 yards per game. Along with Willie, the Demon's secondary will be targeting his favorite receiver, senior Josh Taylor, who has 251 yards on 25 catches.

"I don't think you can stop this offense," Stoker said. "You try not to leave guys uncovered or give up big plays, and if they do catch the ball we've got to tackle them. This game will be a big challenge for the secondary. We need to slow them down and try to get the ball back to our offense."

It will be up to NSU's 2005 Preseason All-American first team cornerback David Pittman along with corner Darrel Kitchen and safeties Russ Washington and Bruce Woods to hold the Lion passing attack in check. Pittman, who has recorded 22 tackles, four pass break ups, an interception and a forced fumble, was recently named as a "Buchannan Battle" member, a list that names the best I-AA defensive players who are in contention for the 11th Buck Buchanan Award which is given to the top defensive player in I-AA

To relieve the secondary, the Demons defensive line and linebackers will have to get plenty of pressure on Willie, who has thrown six interceptions in four games this season.

For the second week in a row, NSU will be without their starting defensive end and what Stoker considers the best defensive lineman in the league, 2005 Preseason All-American Ed Queen, who could possibly be out for the rest of the year.

Filling in for Queen again this week will be sophomore defensive end Charlie Brooks who came up big against Sam Houston Saturday had nine tackles, two of which were in the backfield, 1.5 sacks, two quarterback hurries and a broken up pass.

"We're going to do what we always do on defense, no one will force us to change what we do," Stoker said. "That doesn't show confidence."

Along with Queen, senior tailback Shelton Sampson will be held out for another week due to injuries, which means the Demons offensive production will once again rely on the shoulders of two-time SLC Offensive Player of the Week Davon Vinson.

The senior quarterback was responsible for 200 of the Demons' 264 yards and was not responsible for a turnover for the first time this year in their 10-6 SLC opening victory at Sam Houston. Vinson was 15 of 22 passing for 148 yards and rushed for 52 yards on 11 carries including a six-yard touchdown run.

"He knows what's expected of him and he tries not to make any mistakes," Stoker said of Vinson, the Demons passing and rushing leader. "Most of our offense comes through him. We've got to do a much better job of getting help around him from other players."

NSU has a trio of backs in sophomores A.J. Franklin and Anthony Holmes, and junior Greg Skidmore who will be taking the handoffs in place of Sampson. Franklin is the Demons second leading rusher behind Vinson with 126 yards.

Southeastern's defense won't be a slouch either, the Lion's have one of the best defensive units in the SLC and are only allowing an average of 320 yards per game.

NSU's offense is coming off a shaky 264-yard performance, winning despite only scoring 10 points, a feat that the Demons had not accomplished for 20 years.

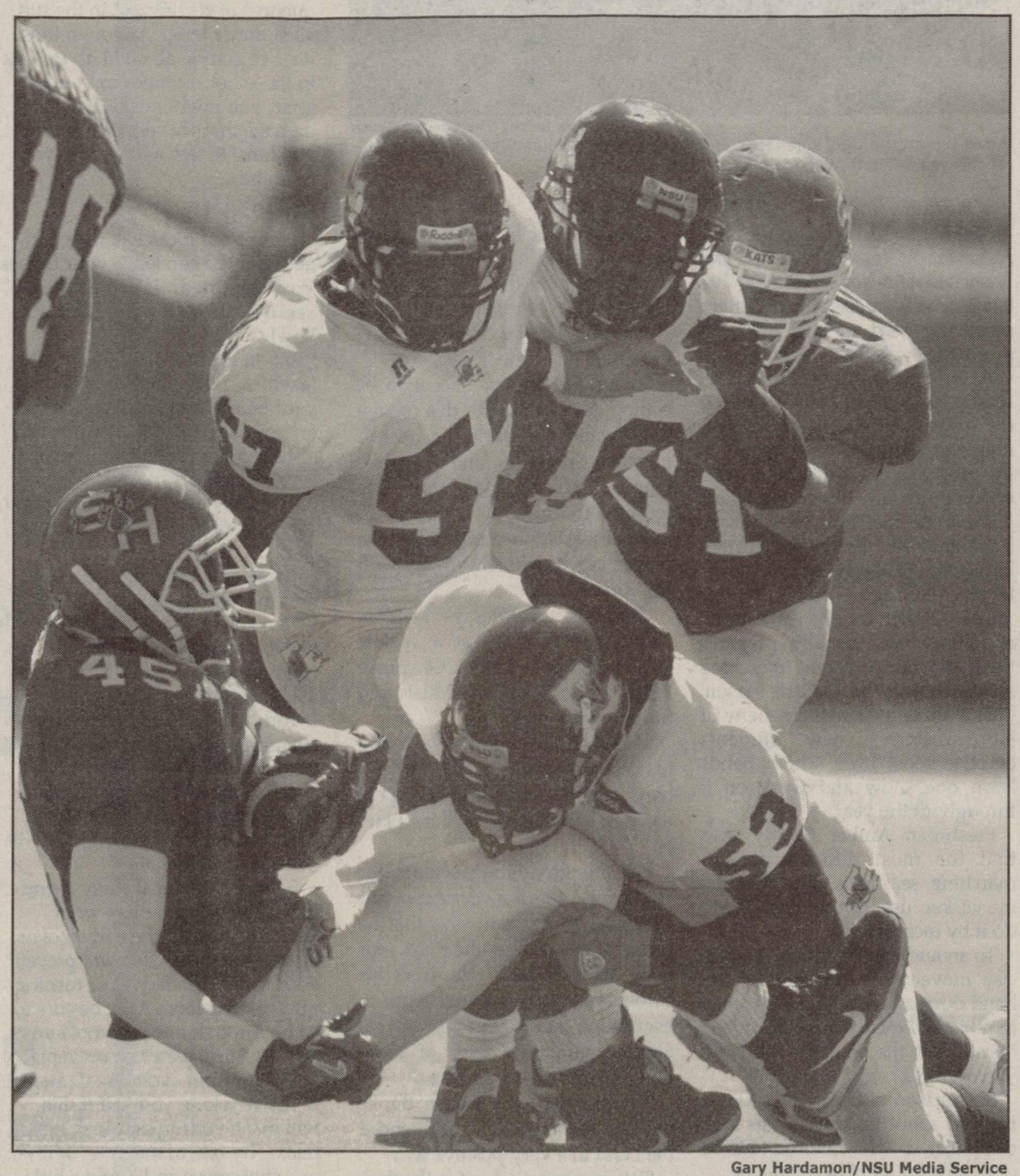
"It will be a challenge offensively," Stoker said. "We haven't been able to move he ball on a consistent basis. Our guys have got to make plays and do it consistently."

Stoker hopes his team can get an edge on special teams with the nation's No. 3 ranked punter, sophomore Marshall Burton who is averaging 44.4 yards per punt and averaged 46 yards on seven punts, with three of them being downed inside the 20-yard line Saturday at SHSU.

"Marshall was as big a part of our victory as anyone," Stoker said. "Nobody since I've been here as been able to turn around our field position as good as him. It's also important for us to give Toby (Zeigler) a chance to return more balls and make something happen for us."

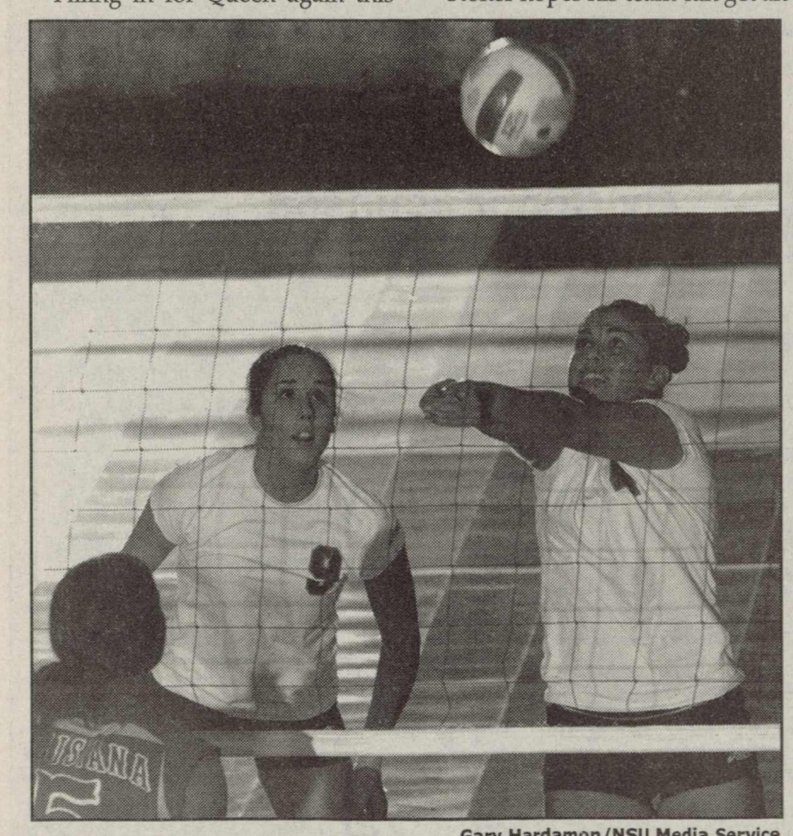
Zeigler, a senior return specialist and wide receiver and another of NSU's Preseason All-Americans, holds the NSU, SLC, and Louisiana records for career punt return yards with 1,288. NSU will need his explosive returning skills to show up Saturday to help keep them in the field position battle.

After Saturday the Demons will start to gear up for their Oct. 22 contest at SLC foe No. 14 Texas State who downed Southeastern 30-15 in their league opener Saturday.



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NSU linebacker T.J. McMillan stops Sam Houston State wide receiver Stevie Smith while defensive end Carlos Stephens (57) and linebacker Keith Robinson (48) come to assist on the tackle during the Demon's 10-6 victory at SHSU Saturday.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service

NSU senior Flavia Belo, right, who broke the NSU career assists record Tuesday, sets up senior Priscila Augusto for a kill in the Lady Demons five game loss to Louisiana Tech at home.

Lady Demon volleyball team to take on top two teams in SLC

By Justin Hebert
Sports Editor

Coming off a hard-fought five - match loss at home to Louisiana Tech in which senior Flavia Belo set the school assists record, the Lady Demon volleyball team is getting ready for their toughest weekend all season as they take on the Southland Conference's top two teams at Prather Coliseum.

Friday at 7 p.m. NSU hosts Sam Houston State who is currently in second place in the SLC with a 6-1 league record. The Lady Demons will then face SLC leader Stephen F. Austin, who is undefeated in league play with seven wins, on Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

The Ladyjacks are ranked No. 10 in the AVCA Division I Central Region poll after defeating Louisiana Tech, Lamar and McNeese and hold a 15-2 record.

"This is a huge weekend for NSU history," Lady Demon assistant coach Brittany Uffelman said. "SFA has not lost a match yet this year in conference. Our exact starters this year played SFA in spring ball and beat them in three games. We can beat SFA on our home court."

The Lady Demons will be led by sophomore kill leader Whitney King, who recorded 20 kills Tuesday and senior setter Belo, who recorded 55 sets Tuesday to push her NSU career-leading total to 3,515. Senior Priscila Augusto is second on the team in kills with 152 while junior Juliana Abreu has notched 135.

Although the Lady Demons got 14 kills each from Abreu and Augusto and a career-high 24 digs from sophomore Rachel Ford to go with King's 20 kills and Belo's 55 assist, it was still not enough to top the Lady Techsters who rallied from being down two games to one, with two of their top hitters getting over 20 kills.

"We have to have more than one hitter having a good night," Uffelman said. "Everyone has to be having a good night and when everyone's on we have a phenomenal team that can beat both of those teams."

NSU will be hoping to improve their 3-4 league record and fifth place seeding before they hit the road for a seven game SLC road trip in which they do not play at home until Nov. 11 when they host Texas-San Antonio.

"If we win this weekend our girls will win the rest of their matches this year, I believe in them that much," Uffelman said. "If SFA and Sam Houston do get to us we will be just as fine conference wise to be able to go the conference tournament."

Undefeated Demons to host Texas State Friday at NSU

By Justin Hebert
Sports Editor

The NSU Demon soccer team will put their undefeated Southland Conference record up against the Texas State Bobcats (5-8, 2-1) at the Demon Soccer Complex Friday at 7 p.m. Not only are the Demons (8-4-1, 3-0) undefeated in league play but they are also 5-0 at home this season.

After downing league opponents Nicholls State, Southeastern, and Louisiana-Monroe, and outscoring them by a total of 14-2, the Demons (8-4-1) are 3-0 in the SLC, are tied for first place with Stephen F. Austin (9-3, 3-0 in SLC), and hoping to continue their best ever start in league play.

Head coach Jimmy Mitchell had another strong defensive showing from his team Sunday as they defeated Arkansas State 4-0 at home getting two goals each from forwards Erin Hebert, a sophomore, and Lauren Miller, a freshman.

Hebert's two goals in Sunday's match has her leading the team, along with 2004 scoring leader Julie Zavala, with seven goals a piece this season.

Sophomore goalkeeper Johnna Klohoker recorded her second straight shutout Sunday, and will likely be the goalkeeper Friday as Krystle Donaldson continues to rest a knee injury, although she did see some action in Sunday's match.

The Demons may also be without senior midfielder Stephanie Miller due to a leg injury, but hope to see the return of '05 Preseason All-SLC First Team selection Ashley Hadley.

The Bobcats overtime goal to defeat ULM 2-1 Sunday kept them from dropping below .500 in the conference, but will be looking to create a second-place tie in the SLC and be the first to defeat the Demons under the lights of the Demon Soccer Complex.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service

One of NSU's scoring leaders Julie Zavala follows her ball as she runs past a Southeasern Lady Lion in their home win. The Demons host Texas State Friday.

This Just In

Courtesy Sports Information Bureau

Demon hoops begins practice

NSU's Demon and Lad Demon basketball games wi host a free pancake dinner Satu day at 9 a.m. in Prather Colis um.

According to a press releas from nsudemons.com, the annu al "Pancakes in Prather" is a opportunity for NSU basketba fans to watch the opening week end of college basketball prese son workouts.

The Lady Demons will hol their first practice at 9 a.m. Satu day morning in Prather Colis um. The Demons will follow a 11 a.m.

In addition to these practice both teams will work out on th following Sunday. Those se sions begin at 1 p.m. for th Demons and at 3 p.m. for th Lady Demons.

All practices and workouts ar open to the public.

Special activities planned for NSU game Oct. 29

The NSU athletic departmen has named the Demon footba team's Oct. 29 home gam against the Northeaster Huskies, which begins at noo the Faculty/Staff and Natch toches Parish School Game.

Events for the faculty/sta departments will include prize for the department that sells th most tickets to the game. Ticke for the game will be $5 for NS faculty and staff that purchas theirs the day before the game.

Each department will also de ignate a member to compete i the "Demon Quarterback Con nection." A preliminary conte will begin at 10 a.m. in the tai gating area, and the finalists wi compete at halftime. The win ning department will receive luncheon provided by the athle ic department.

Also, any faculty and sta members who bring their signe football card from the NSU facu ty/staff luncheon may subm that card at the game will be el gible for a $100 drawing whic will take place in the secon quarter. Cards will be collecte on the West Side-North entranc prior to the game and up unt the end of the first quarter.

For the Natchitoches Paris schools the NSU will have a co oring and a writing contest i which the winners will be selec ed prior to the game and calle out onto the field.

Grades 1-3 will participate in coloring contest in which the will be given a color shee designed by NSU senior ar major Alex Nieto.

Students in grades 4-6 will b provided a question to whic they will respond in an essay.

For all Natchitoches Paris students in grades 1-8, the pric of tickets will be reduced to $5 purchased before the game.

Championships moved to NSU

The impact of Hurricanes Ka rina and Rita has forced th Southland Conference to reloca upcoming fall sports champ onships for cross country an women's soccer to NSU, th league office said Wednesday.

The Oct. 31 men's an women's cross country champ onship meet was moved fro Beaumont, Texas. It will be he at the Demon Hills Golf Cours which has been the site of four o the last eight SLC cross countr championships, most recently i 2002. All 11 conference membe send men's and women's team to the event.

The Nov. 3-6 SLC women soccer championship tourn ment was slated for Hammon on the campus of Southeaster Louisiana, but there is a lack available hotel accommodation in the vicinity in the wake of th hurricanes.

The tournament, with a six team field, will be held at th NSU soccer complex, which ha previously hosted the SL championships in 2003 and 200

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CIS team continues winning streak

By Katie Lopez
Sauce Reporter

No other school, large or small, has been able to match the success of NSU's CIS team; its members just won their fifth consecutive Association of Information Technology Professionals National Championship in Systems Analysis and Design.

Lissa Pollacia, department head in the College of Business, said, "Systems analysis is a big area of the competition because when most students graduate their first jobs are in that area.

"We were able to produce a winning team so far every year. No other school has done that," Pollacia said.

Every year the AITP holds a National Collegiate Conference. This year the conference took place in Atlanta.

The conference is used as an avenue for students to get out into the CIS field. It consists of a keynote speaker, workshops and sessions that help with interviewing for a job and a competition.

NSU competed against larger schools such as the University of Michigan, Texas A&M and Purdue University, Pollacia said.

Barbara Russell, AITP faculty sponsor said, "Our students have been very strong competitors."

Tracy Leeper, Senior CIS major and part of the National Championship team said she did practice problems with her partner, LaCarlos Williams, to prepare for the

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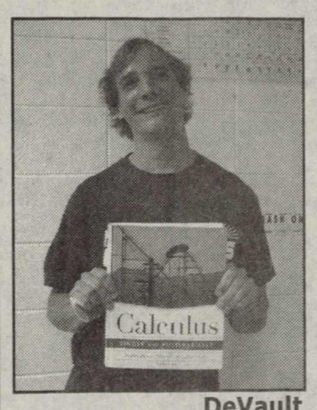
Homecoming court named



Chris Reich / The Current Sauce

2004 Homecoming Queen Ashley Dunham crowns 2005 Homecoming Queen Britney Burns as Homecoming King Travis Eaglen watches.
Check out the Life page for more Homecoming coverage.

Math professor receives national teaching award



DeVault

By Lindsay Larcom
Sauce Reporter

Richard DeVault, associate professor of mathematics, received the Distinguished Teaching Award from the Mathematical Association of America, Louisiana-Mississippi section.

Every year, 24 college and university professors nationwide receive the Distinguished Teaching Award. Stan Chadick, professor of mathematics, nominated DeVault based on his teaching abilities and his participation in outside mathematical research.

During the nomination process, Chadick wrote a letter to the MAA in support of DeVault and had the entire math department sign it. When the award was presented to DeVault at the MAA Louisiana-Mississippi regional meeting in Gulfport, Miss., an MAA representative said it was the first time an entire department had supported the nomination of one of their colleagues.

DeVault's teaching abilities were also recognized by his students. Ladorian Latin, senior mathematics major, said DeVault was a very dedicated teacher.

"He is very energetic and knowledgeable," Latin said. "Dr. DeVault is always willing to help and explains everything thoroughly."

DeVault said he discovered his love for teaching while working on his master's and doctorate degrees at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston. He said that he really loves working with people and being with the students.

"I naturally took to teach-

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Campus Connections



The Current Sauce welcomes submissions for **Campus Connections**, a free service to organizations planning events that will be open to NSU students.

Bring **Connections** to **Kyser 225G**, or e-mail them to **thecurrentsauce@gmail.com**. Please include a name and telephone number. We reserve the right to refuse any **Connection**.

NSU to host scholars' Renaissance conference this weekend

NSU will host the 3rd Annual Louisiana Consortium of Medieval and Renaissance Scholars Friday and Saturday.

NSU faculty members Kent Hare, Rondo Keele, Helaine Razovsky and Lisa Wolffe will present papers Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Morrison Hall with lunch from 12 to 1:30 p.m. in the Morrison courtyard. Jean D'amato will also present engravings of sites in Italy from the 16th and 17th centuries.

A reception for the lecturers will be held in the Hanchey Gallery from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Scholars from universities around the country are scheduled to present papers and research on the middle ages and the Renaissance as well.

Spring 2006 semester housing applications due next week

The spring 2006 housing renewal applications for the traditional residence halls are now available in the Housing Office in the Student Union.

The applications are due on Monday at 4:30 p.m. in the Housing Office.

The residence halls that will be used for the spring semester are: Sabine Hall, Bossier Hall, Boozman Hall and Varnado Hall.

Students who submit their applications after the deadline may not receive their choice of housing.

Master flutist to provide music for student poetry slam event

The Office of Cultural Diversity will present lecturer and master flutist Galen Razzaq tonight at 7:30 in Magale Recital Hall.

The event's theme is "Express Yourself." Students will be invited to recite their personal compositions over a backdrop of live jazz music.

Former NSU student to hold book-signing event for charity

Former NSU grad student Dayne Sherman will hold a book signing at The Book Merchant Saturday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Sherman is a high school dropout who has gone on to receive college degrees and publish a critically-acclaimed novel, "Welcome to the Fallen Paradise."

Sherman said he will evenly divide all his royalties from the signing between the American Library Association Hurricane Katrina Library Relief Fund and the American Red Cross.

Traveling civil rights exhibit visits Student Union

A traveling exhibit from the Louisiana State Museum will be displayed in the Student Union Lobby through Nov. 5.

The exhibit, entitled "The World Will Move: Civil Rights and Public Transportation in Louisiana, 1860s-1950s," is available for viewing Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The exhibit includes photographs, prints, newspaper articles and artifacts that document the history of segregation in public transportation and the struggle to abolish it.

Contestants, volunteers needed for LOB Pageant

The Lady of the Bracelet committee is accepting contestants and volunteers for this year's pageant.

The pageant, which awards over $8,000 in scholarships, is scheduled for Feb. 4.

Applications to compete in the pageant are due Nov. 4 and are available on the Web at nsula.edu/studentactivities/sab/committees/?id=2. The website also contains more information on the pageant.

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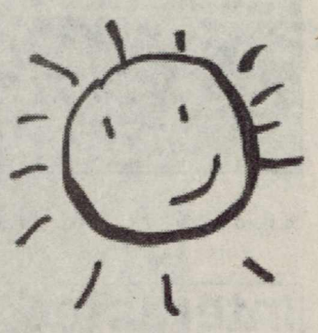
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Business students perform well in national competition

By Jamie Webb
Sauce Reporter

NSU students really know their business.

Walter Creighton, a business professor at NSU and an adviser for the NSU chapter of Business Professionals of America, said seven student members of the BPA placed in the top ten during the BPA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, Calif. last April.

Creighton said NSU students placed in five of the fourteen categories they entered: VB.net, desktop publishing, SQL server, database and advanced interview skills.

Erin Ponville, a senior pursuing degrees in computer information systems and business administration, won first place in Visual Basic.net, a programming language.

This category consisted of a programming test for the Microsoft Visual Basic.net software that drives many of Microsoft's products, Creighton said.

Ponville said, "I was given a problem statement and a list of criteria, and I had to code the solution and turn it in within one hour."

Ponville said she is still debating where she wants to go after she graduates, but she knows she will pursue a career as a computer programmer. She plans to eventually become a company manager.

NSU alumnus James Marsh placed third in this category and fellow alumnus Adam Williams was a finalist.

Tracy Leeper, a senior pursuing a double major in computer information systems and business administration, received second place in the desktop publishing competition.

Students competing in this category produced a trifold flyer with pictures and text on the computer, Creighton said.

Leeper said, "The whole competition was based on a bed and breakfast. I had to create a breakfast menu, a three-page newspaper article and a flyer for the B&B. You had two hours and no guidelines. You were free to be as creative as you wanted. That was the hardest part, because you didn't know exactly what the judges were looking for."

Leeper said she has been treasurer of the BPA for two years. She will graduate in December and plans to work in Bloomington, Ill. for the State Farm Headquarters as a systems analyst.

The SQL Server category consisted of a multiple-choice test on setting up languages that a computer network server uses. Alumnus James Marsh, senior business major LaCarlos Williams and senior business major Jeremy Neal were finalists in this category.

The database category consisted of a hands-on test that required students to set up a database, enter data and produce reports from data, Creighton said. Neal and Yang Liu, another NSU graduate, were both finalists.

For the advanced interview skills category participants filled out applications, submitted resumes and then were interviewed by judges, Creighton said. LaCarlos Williams was a finalist for this category.

Students can participate in 42 total categories during the competition, but each student is limited to three categories, Creighton said.

Creighton said the NSU BP chapter has 25 student membe and Julie McDonald, an associa professor of business at NSU, another BPA adviser.

Thirteen NSU students attend the conference along wi Creighton and McDonald.

Students who placed first, se ond or third received plaque Creighton said. The top eight ran ing students in the nation are co sidered finalists and received ce tificates. Everyone gets a med that can be worn around the neck

The conference is an annu event that is usually held in Ap or May, Leeper said.

NSU's BPA WINNERS

VB.net:

1st-Erin Ponville

3rd-James Marsh

Finalist-Adam Williams

SQL Server:

Finalist-James Marsh

Finalist-LaCarlos Williams

Finalist-Jeremy Neal

Advanced Interview

Skills:

Finalist-LaCarlos Williams

Desktop Publishing:

2nd-Tracy Leeper

Database:

Finalist-Jeremy Neal

Finalist-Yang Liu

Rita evacuees moved

By Drew David
Sauce Reporter

Hurricane Rita evacuees who were staying in the Red Cross shelter at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center vacated the shelter on Oct. 8.

Frank Griffin, director of the Natchitoches Recreational Parks Department that owns the MLK Center, said the facility was in use for Rita evacuees following the closing of the Red Cross shelter NSU's Health and P.E. Majo building on Oct. 1.

Griffin said the MLK Cent housed approximately 280 eva uees from

Oct. 1 through Oct. 8. Griffin sa shelter residents left because are affected by Rita re-opened Oct. and they were able to their home

The Red Cross transported eva uees who were unable to retu home to a shelter in Monroe, La.

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ing," DeVault said. "I felt at home as soon as I walked into the classroom."

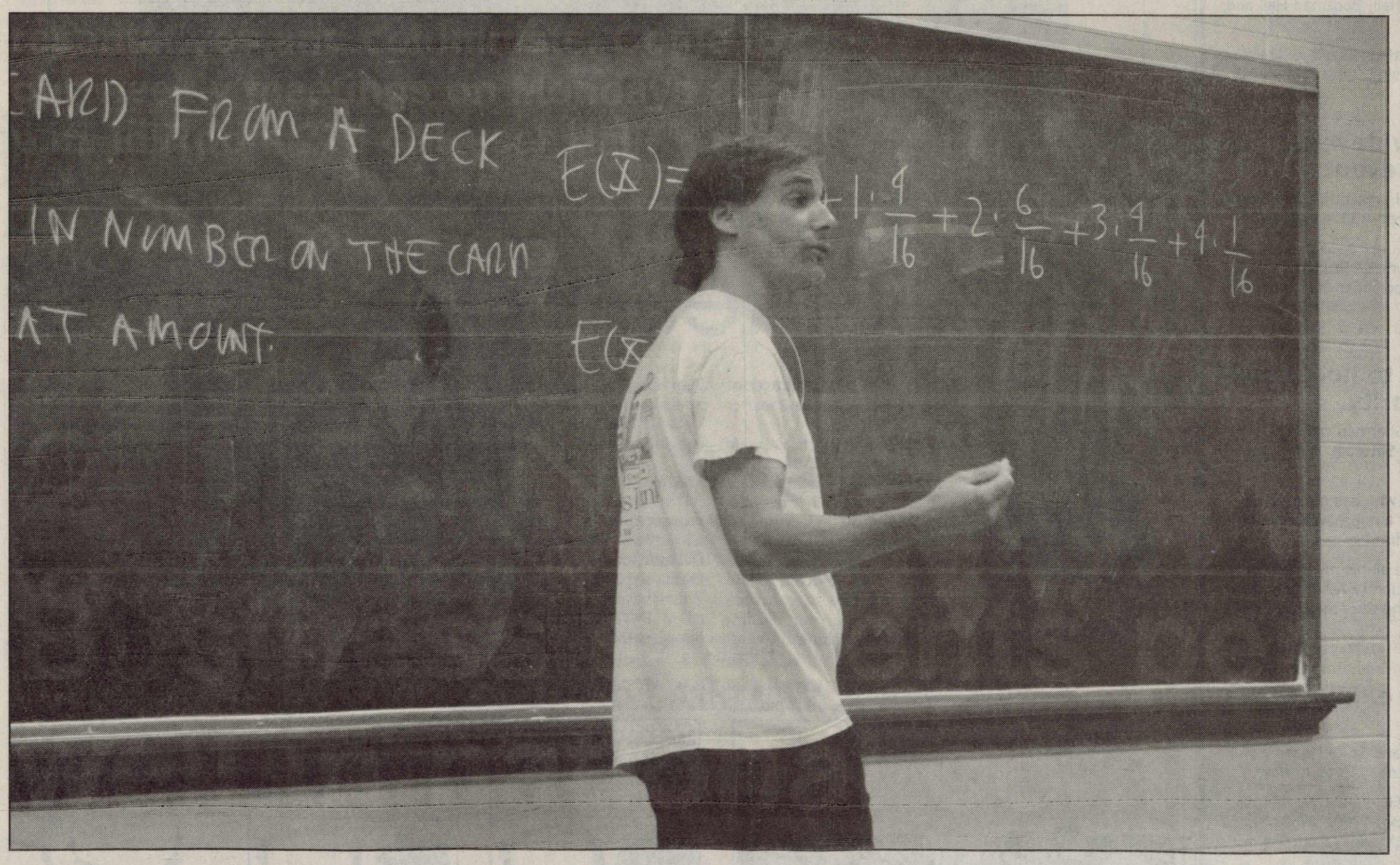
DeVault's list of university service is extensive. He serves as the director of JOVE, a scholarship and research program for students in the College of Science and Technology majoring in biology, chemistry, mathematics or physics. From 1997 to 2000, DeVault was a member of CURIA, the committee responsible for evaluating and recommending funding for internal grants.

In the spring of 1998 DeVault served on the University Planning Council, creating new ideas to improve student recruitment.

DeVault was the mathematics representative for the Faculty Senate from 1998 to 2001 and the mathematics representative at high school recruiting days. Currently, DeVault serves as the faculty sponsor for the student team competing at the Louisiana-Mississippi MAA section meeting.

DeVault was recognized by NSU for outstanding research in 2001 when he received the Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award.

DeVault also writes and reviews mathematical journals and is the Chair of the Mathematics Section of the Louisiana Academy of Sciences. He is a member of the American Mathematical Society, Mathematical Association of America, Louisiana Academy of Sciences and Phi Kappa Phi honor society.



Richard DeVault lectures to a math class. DeVault recently received a national award for his teaching.

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competition.

Leeper said she credits her teachers for the success that the CIS team has had over the past five years.

As the competition draws near, teachers offer extra lecture time in the afternoon to help students feel more confident about the competition and to allow them to ask any last minute questions, Russell said.

"The competition is pretty easy because our classes are very good preparation and the teachers are very helpful," Leeper said.

Because NSU's team has won the AITP National Championship so many years in a row, NSU was featured in Business Weekly magazine as one of the top ten business schools that people do not know about, Leeper said.

NSU's CIS program reached another milestone when the Louisiana State Legislature passed a resolution commending the program.

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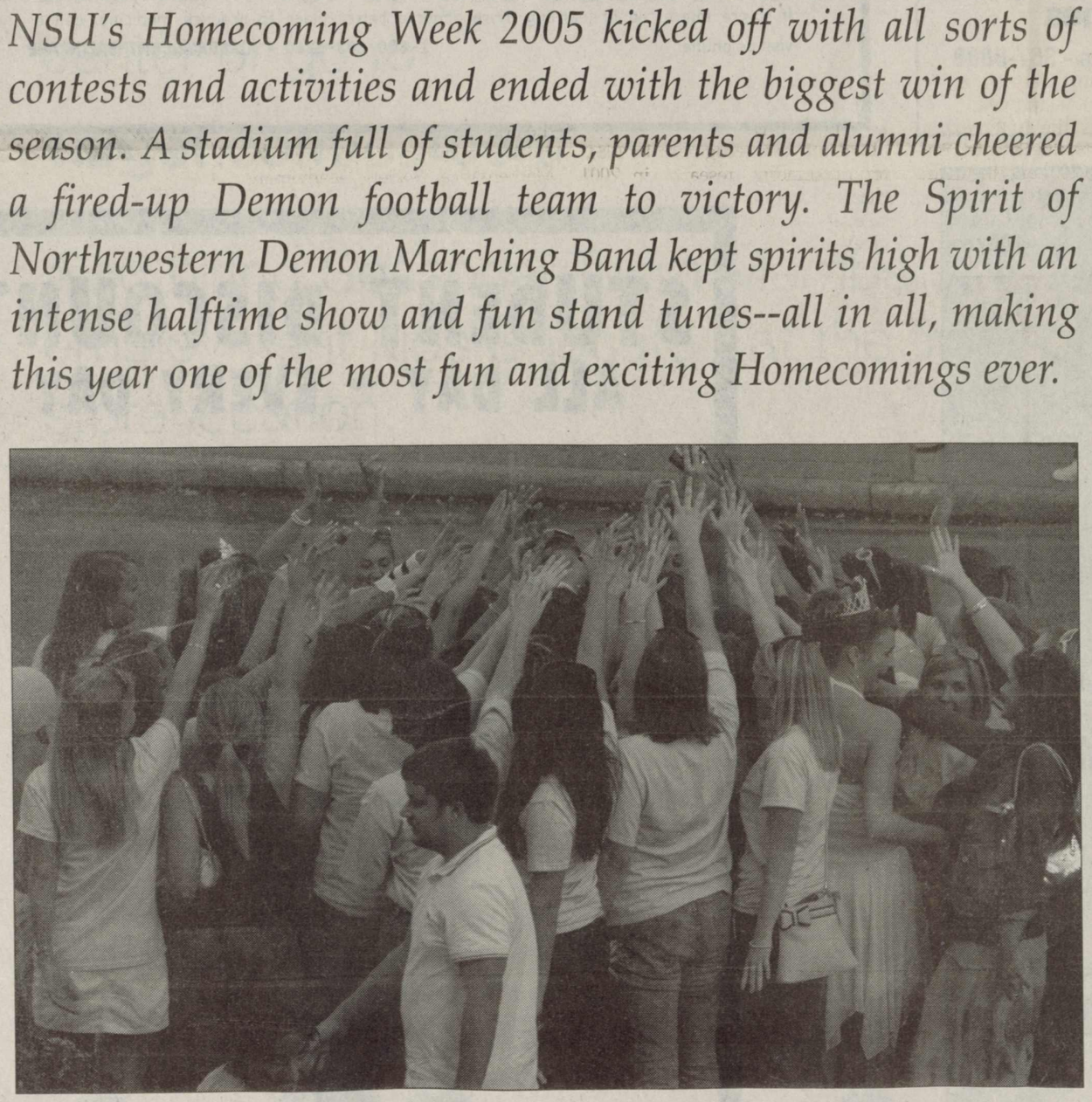
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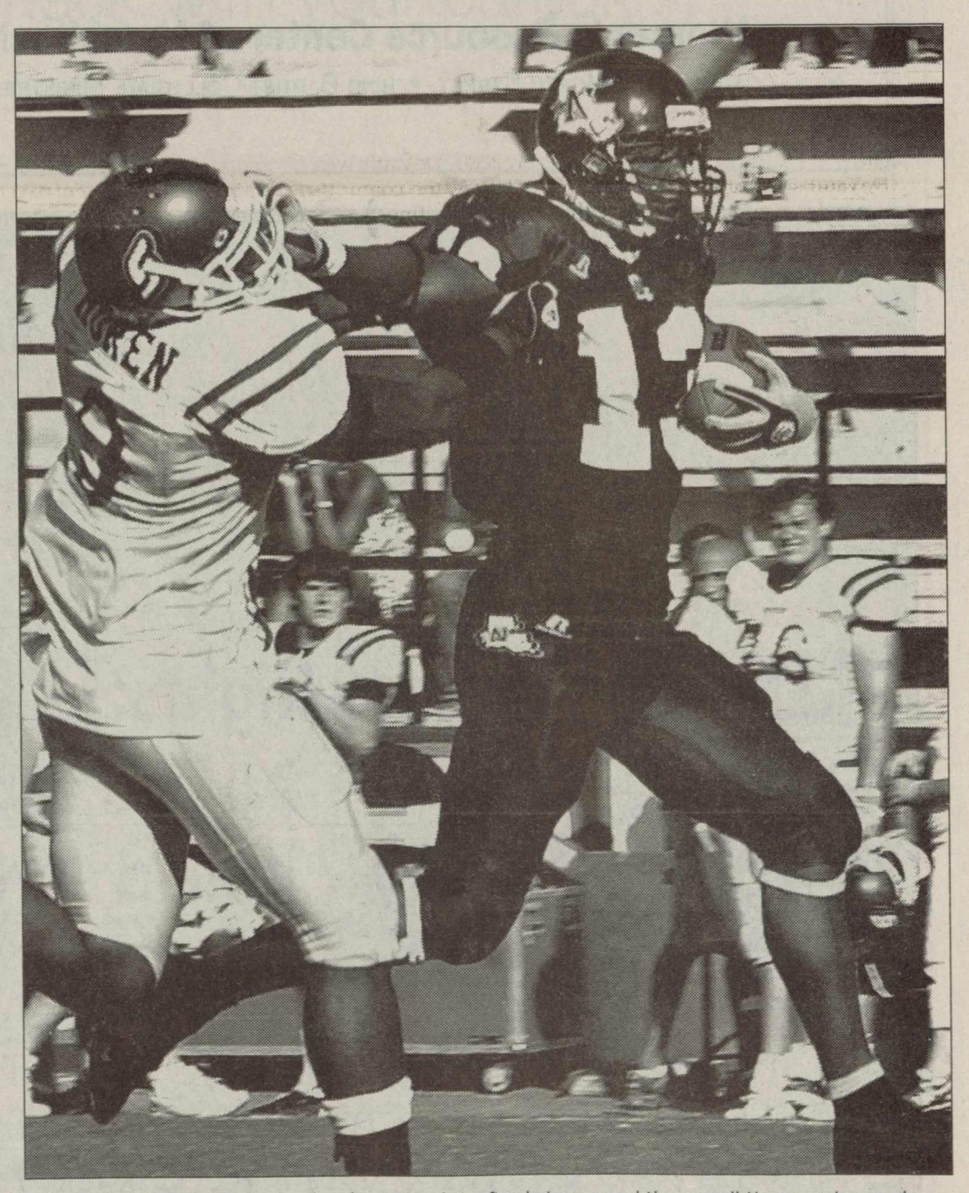
Left: "Geoffrey the Giraffe," the mascot of this year's *I Don't Want To Grow Up* theme, cheers at the Homecoming pep rally.

Below: Demon fans show school spirit by spelling out "FORK 'EM."



NSU's Homecoming Week 2005 kicked off with all sorts of contests and activities and ended with the biggest win of the season. A stadium full of students, parents and alumni cheered a fired-up Demon football team to victory. The Spirit of Northwestern Demon Marching Band kept spirits high with an intense halftime show and fun stand tunes--all in all, making this year one of the most fun and exciting Homecomings ever.





Left: Members of Phi Mu Fraternity chant together after being named the overall Homecoming week activity champions **(Chris Reich/ *The Current Sauce*)**. *Above:* During a run, Anthony Holmes stiff-arms a Southeastern player **(Cheryl Thompson/ *The Current Sauce*)**.

The Crucible bewitches campus audiences

By Kelli Fontenot
Sauce Reporter

Puritan is the new black.

The NSU theatre department is currently performing *The Crucible*, a play written by Arthur Miller, under direction of Scott Burrell.

From the period costumes to the unique and somewhat abstract approach to scenery, this production is mesmerizing from Act I until its dramatic conclusion.

The play focuses on a man named John Proctor, his wife, Elizabeth Proctor, and their plight during the uproar of false witchcraft accusations which occurred during the 1600s. Just in time for Halloween, the play's eerie effects will envelop you and make you feel as though you are a part of the actions onstage.

"Even today, we are afraid of the unknown," says director Scott Burrell. "Just like in *The Crucible*."

Ford Hauser, a freshman theater major, says, "The hardest part about putting the show together was the rehearsal process; developing the character."

The cast should be proud of a job well done, because all of the characters are entirely convincing.

Sophomore Monique Ayme, says, "I like the last scene between Proctor and his wife, Elizabeth, because that's when the emotion is really felt. That's the scene that says a lot about human nature."

Each line in this production of *The Crucible* seems to be delivered with a thorough knowledge of its underlying intention (Hint: read the Dramaturge's Notes in the program).

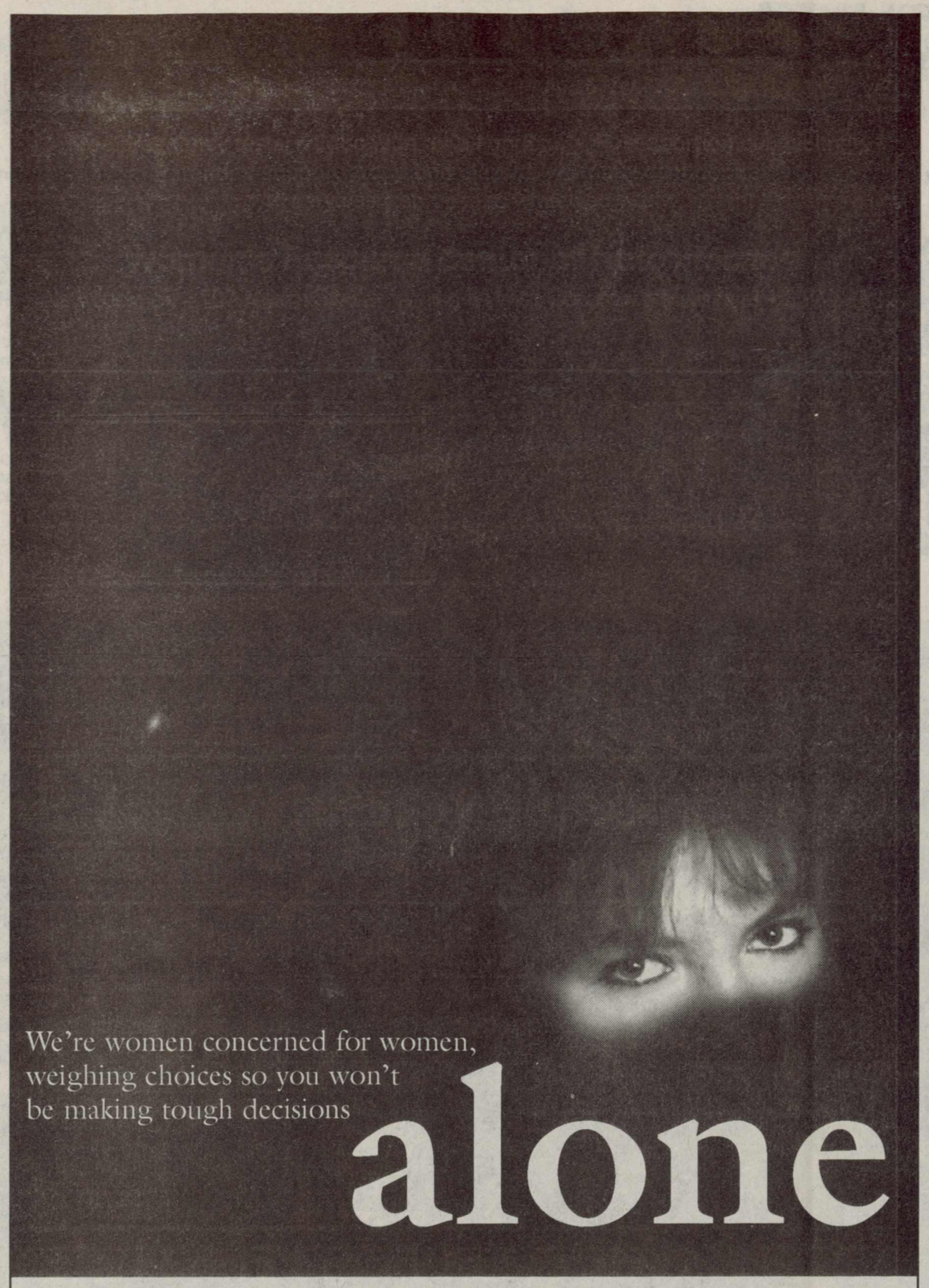
This bone-chilling play is being performed in the A.A. Fredericks auditorium on the main stage. Admission is free to all students and $10 for nonstudents. Showings began Wednesday and will continue until Saturday at 7:30 pm.

The show is not recommended for ages 12 or younger.



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Cast members rehearse a scene from *The Crucible*. The play will run through Saturday evening in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.



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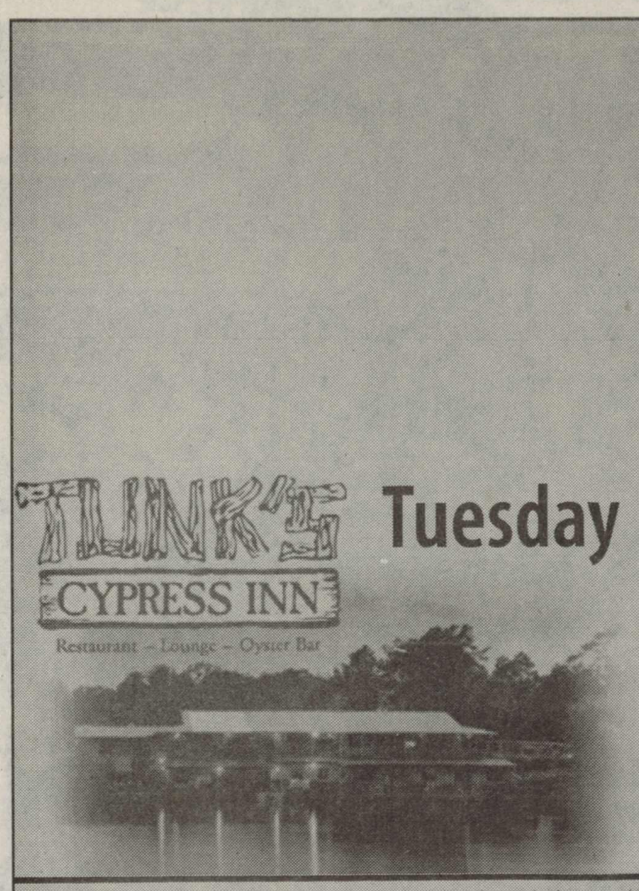
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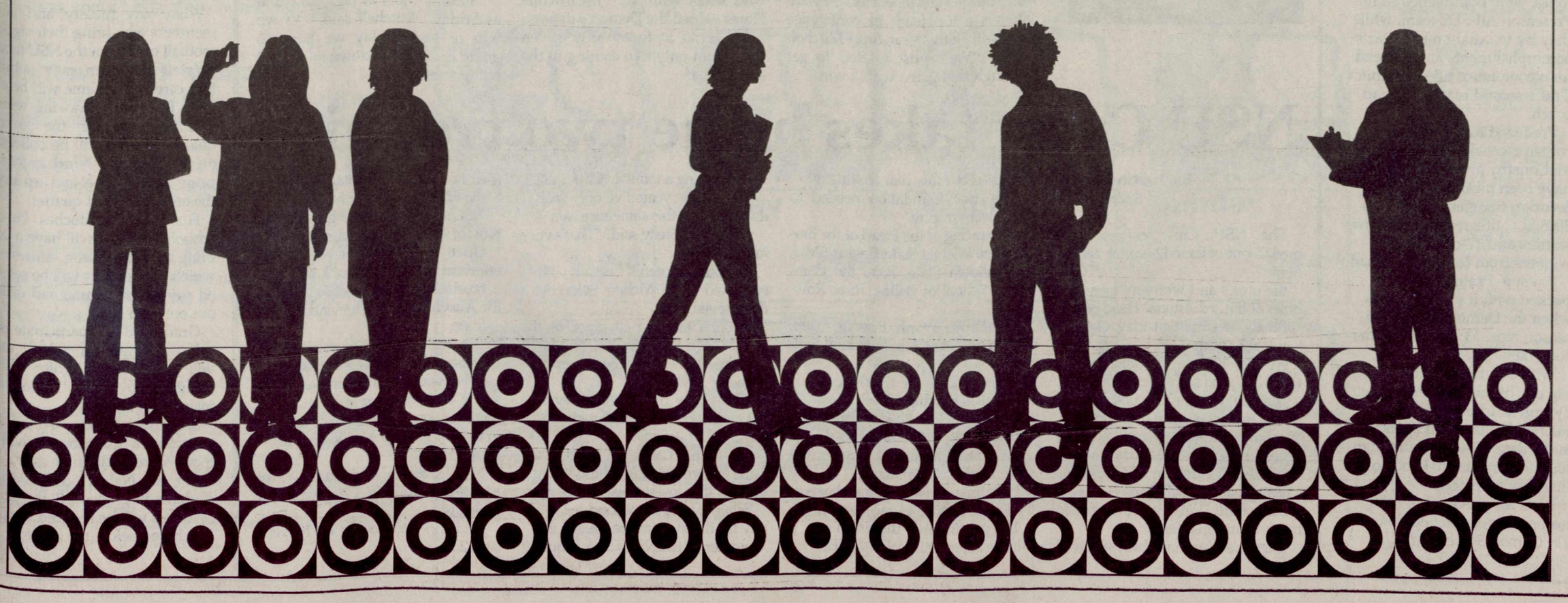
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The Full Count

Demons heating up

NSU athletics are revving up and this weekend they'll get sent into overdrive as the Demon football and soccer teams both put their unblemished conference records up against other league leaders who are also undefeated.

Head coach Scott Stoker and his squad will be traveling over to San Marcos in hopes of continuing their current four game winning streak over the Texas State Bobcats, who at No. 7 hold their highest national rank in 30 years.

This game should be one for the ages and the team that emerges victorious will definitely be playing the rest of the season with a huge X on their back.

Although the Demons were picked to win the SLC by the coaches, Texas State was picked to finish second and is statistically much better than the Demons in almost all facets of the game.

But everyone knows that football games aren't played on paper.

The winner of this bout will be decided on the AstroPlay surface of Bobcat Stadium in front of 15,000 plus fans, a place where all statistics will be thrown out.

It will be a huge step for the Demons in repeating their success from last season if they can win this one.

The rest of the schedule should be very favorable for NSU with just three conference games remaining against Nicholls State and Stephen F. Austin, both at home, sandwiched around a Nov. 12 road trip to take on rival McNeese State.

Oct. 29 the Demons host non-conference opponent Northeastern at Turpin Stadium.

The Demon soccer team will also be traveling to Texas this weekend for a match-up of league leaders Friday night when they take on Stephen F. Austin.

Both teams are 4-0 in the SLC with only three games left.

NSU plays away Sunday also at Sam Houston and finally returns home, where they are 5-0 to play McNeese for their last game of the season before the conference tournament which begins Nov. 3.

And get this, the SLC Tournament has recently been moved to the Demon Soccer Complex due to problems that arose after the hurricanes.

Speaking of Demon Athletics heating up, it's almost that time to get indoors, no not to cool off, but to check out the men's and women's basketball teams.

For the Lady Demons, their only two returning starters, senior point guard Sheronda Bell and junior guard Chassidy Jones, were both named to the Preseason All-SLC team, while they try to build on last year's accomplishments and contend for a conference title in Jennifer Graf's second season as head coach.

Predicted to do more than contend, coach Mike McConathy and his Demons have been picked as heavy favorites to defend their 2004-2005 SLC title returning all five starters and 12-of-14 letter-winners from last year's squad.

I'm sure Prather will be packed with it's usual punks when the Demons tip-off the season Nov. 13 against Henderson State.

With a starting lineup consisting of Clifton Lee, Byron Allen, Tyronn Mitchell and the Jermaines, Wallace and Spencer and a deep bench it will tough for another team to knock off this year's Demons.

Look for previews of both teams in upcoming editions of *The Current Sauce*.

Demons win big

By Justin Hebert
Sports Editor

The NSU Demon's football team won their first home game of the season and jumped out to a 2-0 start in Southland Conference action with their 31-10 homecoming win over Southeastern Saturday. But there is not much time for celebrating because the Demons (3-2 overall) have another tough test in their sights as they head to San Marcos, Texas this weekend to take on the No.7 Bobcats of Texas State (5-1 overall, 1-0 in SLC.)

NSU sophomore and SLC Offensive Player of the Week Anthony Holmes racked up 131 of the Demons 221 rushing yards on 18 carries and a touchdown as the Demons got their running game moving again against the Lions.

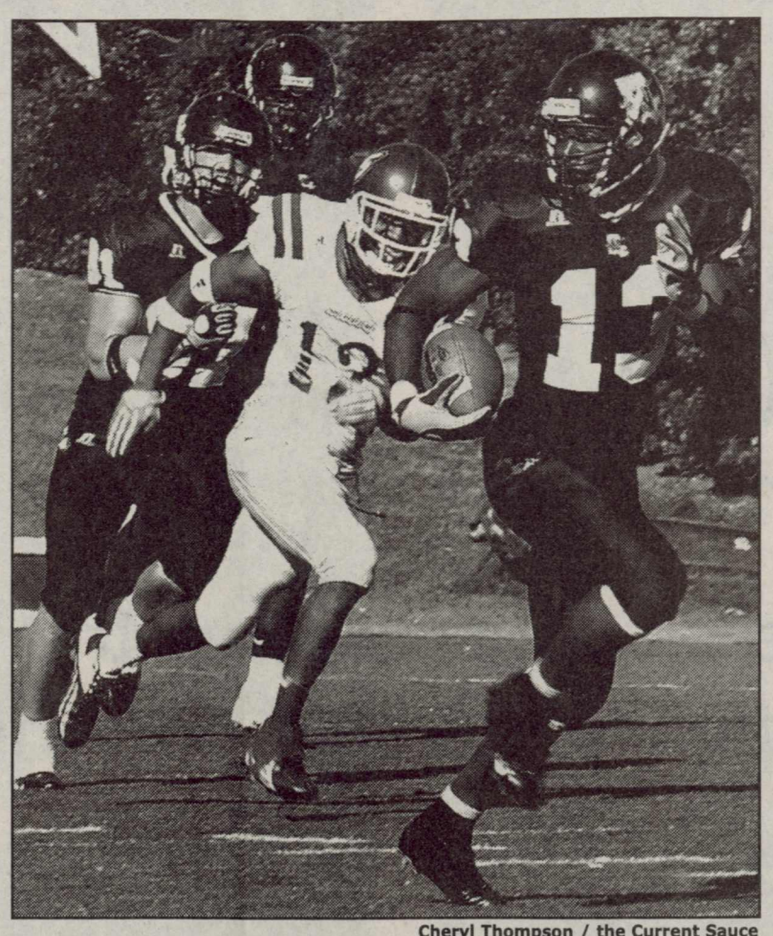
Holmes, actually listed as NSU's third string tailback, had his first career 100-yard performance backing up sophomore A.J. Franklin who was filling in for an injured Shelton Sampson.

Holmes became the first NSU tailback to rush for over 100 yards this season, a feat that was reached in the first game last year.

"I expected to play Saturday but being the third-string tailback I was surprised that I got that many carries," Holmes said. "I never really had a chance to get that many carries to show I can produce. It's a tremendous honor to get player of the week because we've got two outstanding backs in front of me. I can't explain how thankful I am. I give a lot of thanks to the offensive line."

Sampson, a senior who has been held out of the last two games with a bruised shoulder, will suit up for the Demons this weekend, but Holmes will get the starting nod after his performance Saturday.

Meanwhile the Purple Swarm defense stood strong again for the second week in a row, only allowing Southeastern, who came into the game averaging 336 yards, to 228 yards of total offense and only 26 on the ground.



Cheryl Thompson / the Current Sauce

Sophomore tailback Anthony Holmes takes a glance back as he runs past a Southeastern defender while tight end Brent Smith trails looking to pick up a block in the Demon's 31-10 win over the Lions Saturday.

Safeties Bruce Woods and Russ Washington both played a big part in the Demons victory. Woods, a senior out of Baton Rouge, led the defense with nine tackles and one of their four sacks.

NSU freshman kicker Robert Weeks converted on a 23-yard field goal to put his team up 3-0 in the first quarter.

On SLU's subsequent drive, Washington, a junior out of Lamarque, Texas, intercepted Trey Willie's pass and return it 66 yards to put the Demons up by nine.

Despite the Lions converting on a 42-yard field goal and a 12-yard touchdown pass from Willie to Lanaux to put them up 10-9 with 12 minutes remaining in the half, NSU was able to retake the lead before halftime.

Senior quarterback Davon Vinson marched his team 80 yards down the field connecting with tight end Brent Smith for a one yard touchdown pass to cap a 9:24-long drive, followed by a two-point conversion pass to Derrick Doyle to go ahead for good 17-10.

After a bad snap on their next punt, SLU punter Jim Hall was forced to jump on the ball and the Demons took over on offense on their own five yard line with two minutes left in the half.

Vinson hit freshman tight end Keadrin Seastrunk on another 1-yard touchdown pass to make it 24-10 at the half. The only score of the second half came on Holmes' 1-yard touchdown run.

Vinson hit on 10 of his16 passes for 109 yards and the two touchdown scores. He also gained 43 yards on 11 rushes and completed his second straight game without a turnover.

"He needs our help," Holmes said. "It showed that he plays better when we've got a back that produces, we haven't really had that yet this year."

Saturday will likely be a dogfight between teams picked to finish first and second in the SLC and the winner will emerge as front-runner of the conference. The Demons will have to build on their success from the last two weeks if they hope to defeat the SLC's top ranked scoring offense and defense at Bobcat Stadium.

In the last meeting between these two teams, NSU completely dominated Texas State 44-7 at Turpin Stadium, but the Bobcats are returning 19 starters from last year's team. TSU also beat Southeastern earlier this season 31-15 in their conference opener.

"Whoever has the best running game Saturday is going to win," Holmes said. "It's two good defenses and the top two teams in the conference, whoever can run the ball and control the game clock will win the game."

For the Demons to leave San Marcos happy, the Purple Swarm defense will have to control the 1-2 punch of senior quarterback Barrick Nealy and running back Douglas Sherman who lead a Bobcat offense that is averaging just over 420 yards and 40 points a game.

NSU returns home Saturday, October 29 as they take a break from Southland play to host Northeastern at noon.

SFA and NSU to decide who's No. 1



By Justin Hebert
Sports Editor

In a tie for first place in the Southland Conference, NSU (9-4-1) and Stephen F. Austin (11-3) are both 4-0 in league play until they square off Friday night in Nacogdoches, Texas. at 7 p.m.

After Friday there will only be one No. 1 team with just three games remaining in the regular season for both teams before the Southland Conference Tournament kicks off Nov. 3.

"Every games just as important and a loss in this game would be just like a loss last Friday," Demon head coach Jimmy Mitchell said. "But if we can get a win I believe it gives us a little separation. The winner will have the advantage of just having to win one out of the last two to be the No. 1 seed in the tournament."

The Demons are coming off of a 4-2 win over Texas State Friday night at the Demon Soccer Complex where they are undefeated so far this season.

"Any conference win is a big win, but it's good because they are always a top team in conference and will be this year, too," Mitchell said. "We're just excited to get through that game with a win."

NSU got the performance they have grown accustomed to from their top two scorers, junior Julie Zavala, who finished with two goals on four shots, and sophomore Erin Hebert, who added a goal and an assist. Freshman midfielder Hannah Casey scored her first career goal in the game to start off the Demon's scoring.

"They're very fast and we have a lot of speed when they're on the field," Mitchell said of his two leading scorers Zavala and Hebert. "The more they play together they've really started to compliment each other. That's important for our guards and the last couple weeks they have known where each other was on the field, like having a sixth sense."

This week Zavala was named the Southland Conference Offensive Player of the Week, and senior defender Raquel Flores garnered Defensive Player of the Week honors for their efforts in Friday's game.

Zavala pushed her goal total to 10 for the season, second best in the SLC behind SFA's Amanda Alders who leads with 12. Meanwhile Flores helped the Demon's defense hold Texas State to only seven shots with only two coming in the second half.

The Ladyjacks of SFA topped Centenary 1-0 Sunday and in league play trounced Sam Houston State Friday night 6-1. NSU also played at Centenary earlier this season on Sept. 7 and came out on the winning end of a 2-1 game.

SFA is coming into Friday's game averaging 2.6 goals per game while attempting a little over 20 shots per game and are giving up less than one goal a game. The Demons are scoring 3.5 goals on 17.7 shots per contest.

Their defense has also been staggering giving up a little more than a goal a game.

"I think we'll play well," Mitchell said. "We've been playing with a lot of confidence.

After SFA, the Demons will travel to Huntsville Sunday to take on Sam Houston State (2-10 overall, 2-2 in SLC) at 1 p.m. NSU will host McNeese State (3-7-1, 0-1-1) at 7 p.m. Friday for their last regular season game before they start getting ready for the conference tourney which will be played under the lights of the Demon Soccer Complex.

"Sunday's just as big of a game as Friday," Mitchell said. "If we win or lose Friday we have to guard against a let down in our last two games."

NSU Crew takes home two trophies

By Justin Hebert
Sports Editor

The NSU Crew collected 10 medals out of their 12 entries, taking home the men's and women's team trophies at the 3rd Annual Head of the Brazos Regatta Saturday, October 8 in Waco, Texas.

At the 4000-meter official crew race NSU won both overall points competitions for the first time in school history upping their medal count by capturing five gold, four silver and one bronze medal.

"It's the first time in NSU history," Crew assistant coach Jason Stelly said. "We have a pretty solid men's team consistently. The women's team has always kind of struggled but this year we finally have that foundation needed to win a team trophy."

Also racing at the Head of the Brazos were Wichita State, Baylor, SMU, Oklahoma State, Rice, the Cambridge School of Dallas, Texas Rowing Center, Ft. Worth Rowing Club, Austin Rowing Club, Highland Park Crew, Rowing Club of the Woodlands and Dallas Rowing Club.

In men's action NSU accumulated 415 out of the 855 total points awarded almost doubling second place Baylor's 210 points.

NSU entered two separate boats in the Men's Novice 4+ race, finishing 1-2, cruising into the finish over a minute before third place SMU, and getting a total of 120 points.

"In my five years I've only seen it done once, at this same race two years ago," Stelly said. "That's very impressive."

In other men's action NSU squeaked past Wichita State by a mere seven seconds taking first place of the Men's Open 4+ race and claimed first in the Men's Novice 8+, 26 seconds ahead of Baylor.

NSU's only men's finish that was not awarded with a gold medal came in the Men's Open 8+ when they came in two seconds behind Wichita State, the closest finish of the day.

While it was the second team trophy for the men in three years, the women of the NSU Crew acquired their first ever while totaling 250 of the 625 possible points.

NSU's women won gold in the Novice 4+ by 28 seconds, silver in the Open 4+, and despite strong efforts in the Open 8+ took the only bronze for NSU finishing behind the Austin Rowing Club and Wichita State.

"It's real exciting that they won because before our women's team never was that competitive," Stelly said. "They've never been in contention. They were never even in the top three of winning a points trophy."

NSU Crew's next race is the Marathon Rowing Championship, which is held in Natchitoches on November 12.

This Just In

Courtesy Sports Information Bureau

Lady Demons drop three at ULM

NSU's late season slide conti ued Tuesday night after the Lad Demons fell 3-0 (30-27, 30-27, 3 25) to Louisiana-Monroe.

The loss was the sixth straig for NSU, falling to 5-13 overa and 3-7 while ULM improved 8-12 and 3-7. The loss was al the second consecutive shuto defeat the Lady Demons ha suffered.

The Lady Demons held seven-point lead in the first gam and a five-point lead in the se ond before ULM mounted ralli to take the first two games b identical 30-27 scores.

The Lady Indians breeze through the third game, rollin up a 22-14 lead before comple ing a 30-25 win for the match.

Juliana Abreu led NSU with kills while Isabela Duarte recor ed a team-high 11 digs.

NSU returns to action Frida when they travel to play Lam followed by a Saturday afte noon match at McNeese State.

Slamboree slated for Oct. 27

The NSU Demon and Lad Demon basketball teams will h holding their annual Slambor Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Prath Coliseum.

The doors of Prather will b opened for shooting free throw from 6-6:20 p.m. followed by a inter-squad scrimmage by th Lady Demons.

The Slamboree will als include a slam-dunk contest f students who have signed u prior to the event. Studen interested in taking part in th contest should contact Tenil Fogel at fogelt@nsula.edu or 357-4278.

After the slam-dunk conte the Demon basketball team wi conduct an inter-squad scrim mage and afterward both baske ball teams will be introduce The Demon Cheerleaders, V the Demon and the Prathe Punks will also be presented.

Special Activities planned for NSU game Oct. 29

The NSU athletic departmen has named the Demon footba team's Oct. 29 home gam against the Northeaster Huskies, which begins at noo the Faculty/Staff and Natch toches Parish School Game.

Events for the faculty/sta departments will include prize for the department that sells th most tickets to the game. Ticke for the game will be $5 for NS faculty and staff that purcha theirs the day before the game.

Each department will also de ignate a member to compete the "Demon Quarterback Co nection." A preliminary conte will begin at 10 a.m. in the ta gating area, and the finalists w compete at halftime. The wi ning department will receive luncheon provided by the athle ic department.

Also, any faculty and sta members who bring their signe football card from the NSU facu ty/staff luncheon may subm that card at the game will be e gible for a $100 drawing whic will take place in the secon quarter. Cards will be collecte on the West Side-North entranc prior to the game and up un the end of the first quarter.

For the Natchitoches Paris schools the NSU will have a co oring and a writing contest which the winners will be selec ed prior to the game and calle out onto the field.

Grades 1-3 will participate in coloring contest in which the will be given a color shee designed by NSU senior a major Alex Nieto.

Students in grades 4-6 will b provided a question to whic they will respond in an essay.

For all Natchitoches Paris students in grades 1-8, the pric of tickets will be reduced to $5 purchased before the game.

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NCHEMS makes return visit to NSU

By Raymond Billy Jr.
Sauce Reporter

The National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, a consulting firm specializing in the improvement of colleges and universities, revisited NSU for a two-day visit on Oct. 12 and 13.

The organization highlighted several issues facing the university and offered recommendations on how the school could address those challenges in a 26-page report that was released last January.

NCHEMS representatives returned to evaluate the level of progress that NSU administrators have made over the last ten months and will submit their findings to President of the University of Louisiana System Sally Clausen around Thanksgiving.

Thomas Hanson, vice president for academic affairs and provost, said he is pleased with the school's progress.

"On a scale of one to four I would give us a four. I think we are doing an outstanding job and were all doing it together," Hanson said.

Several leaders from around the campus expressed satisfaction with the universities response to the reports, particularly regarding the issue of campus wide communication.

Several school officials said that they believe that people from a cross-section of the campus community are being included on important decision-making discussions.

The university has implemented forums known as Coffee Calls that allow people from around the university to meet with people at many levels of campus leadership to express their views and concerns.

"We instituted (Coffee Calls) this fall as part of an opportunity to allow the president to communicate on a regular basis with everybody in the institution, to bring them up to date on the significant accomplishments that we have had at the university over the past year, and there are many," Hanson said.

The NCHEMS report also noted that deans needed to be more informed on financial matters. Stephen Elliot, acting dean of the college of business, said this issue is being addressed.

"The Vice President (for Business Affairs Carl Jones) has initiated more discussion about how we can reduce costs and given guidelines on how to spend money," Elliot said.

The report also stressed the importance of finding a major selling point for the university. The NCHEMS report suggested, and campus leaders agree, that NSU's distance learning program is an obvious area of excellence that distinguishes the school from others in the state.

Director of Electronic & Continuing Education Darlene Williams said NSU is working to bring the distance learning program to the next level.

"We have faculty and staff who are dedicated to making this program as successful as it can be. I think there is great potential in Northwestern in the area of distance education," Williams said. "We work daily to utilize the existing resources that we have while seeking alternate funding sources through grants and other types of things to help grow the program. I believe that... there is potential in utilizing that particular niche to promote Northwestern both in state and out of state."

Another avenue that NCHEMS explored was the possibility of using the distance learning program to address the problem of adult illiteracy in the state. Williams said it is unclear what role NSU will play in this area.

"We have been meeting since the spring and are working towards the development of a plan that will address some of the areas identified by the adult education task force, which was established by the governor. In doing that, literacy is one of those areas that will be addressed. What role Northwestern will have in addressing this issue is yet to be determined," Williams said.

Williams and Hanson agreed that NSU's response to the NCHEMS report has yielded positive results.

Campus Connections



The Current Sauce welcomes submissions for **Campus Connections**, a free service to organizations planning events that will be open to NSU students.

Bring **Connections** to **Kyser 225G**, or e-mail them to **thecurrentsauce@gmail.com**. Please include a name and telephone number. We reserve the right to refuse any **Connection**.

Student art show scheduled

The NSU Photography Club is accepting entries for its Second Annual Photography Show.

Entry forms are available in room 207-A of the Creative and Performing Arts Building. There is a $3 fee for each entry. Students may submit up to five photographs.

Prizes of $75, $50 and $25 will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners, respectively.

The deadline for entries is Nov. 29. All submissions should be submitted in a ready-to-hang format.

For more information, contact Andee Savoy at 354-9539 or afsgirl@cox.net.

Argus accepting submissions

The Argus, NSU's art and literary magazine, is accepting entries for its 2006 edition.

This year's categories are poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, art and photography.

Submissions should be e-mailed to argus@nsula.edu or dropped off in room 318 of Kyser Hall.

Students may submit up to three works in each category. The submission deadline is Dec. 9.

Prizes of $100, $50 and $25 will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each category.

For more information, contact Monica Gremillion at 357-5575.

Self-defense class offered

The SGA Academic Affairs Committee will host a self-defense seminar Wednesday.

The course will include instruction on basic kick boxing, choke holds, throwing techniques and self-defense strategies.

The event is open to all students. Participants should wear comfortable clothing.

The class will take place in the Student Union lobby from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

For more information, visit the SGA office in room 222 of the Student Union.

SIFE to provide job seminars

NSU's Students in Free Enterprise organization is scheduled to host two job seminars for students.

A resume' writing seminar will take place on Monday from noon to 12:50 p.m. in room 107 of Russell Hall. The second seminar will be held on Nov. 9 from noon to 12:50 p.m. in the same room.

Students from all majors are invited to attend.

Fun Run shirts available

T-shirts are available for those who participated in the Homecoming Fun Run at the Intramural Office in the WRAC.

Students who participated in the run can pick up a shirt free of charge by showing their NSU ID card.

Campus roads, parking lot change

Due to the construcion of the new residence hall complex, the following road and parking lot changes went into effect Wednesday:

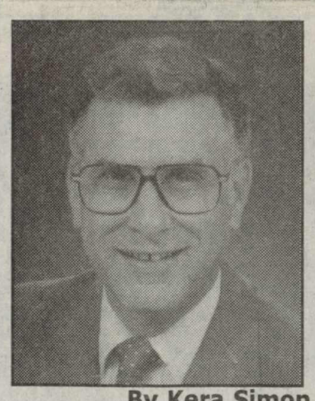
1. The parking lot entrance at The Columns Apartments section of Tarlton Drive will be used as an entrance only; the exit will be near the new residence hall.

2. A left-turn lane will provide access to Tarlton Drive;a right-turn lane will provide access to the inner campus.

3. Traffic in the parking lot will be one way.

4. The parking lot will be restricted to faculty/staff and commuter students; faculty will park near the Health and Human Performances Building and students will park on the Tarlton Drive side of the lot.

Acclaimed journalist scheduled to speak at NSU



By Kera Simon
Sauce Reporter

NSU is scheduled to have distinguished journalist Ralph Lowenstein speak to students as part of the Newsmakers and Shakers Forum.

Lowenstein is an award-winning journalist and the former dean of the College of Journalism and Communication at the University of Florida.

"He is a pioneer in the technology development in the school of journalism," said John Merrill, journalism endowed chair.

Lowenstein is giving three lectures on Friday in the Ora Williams TV Studio in Kyser Hall. His main discussion, titled "Love, Sex, Newspapers and Computers," is at 9 a.m. His other lectures are "10 Things Communication Students Never Learn in Coursework" held at 10 a.m. and "If I Could Change J-school Curricula" at 11 a.m.

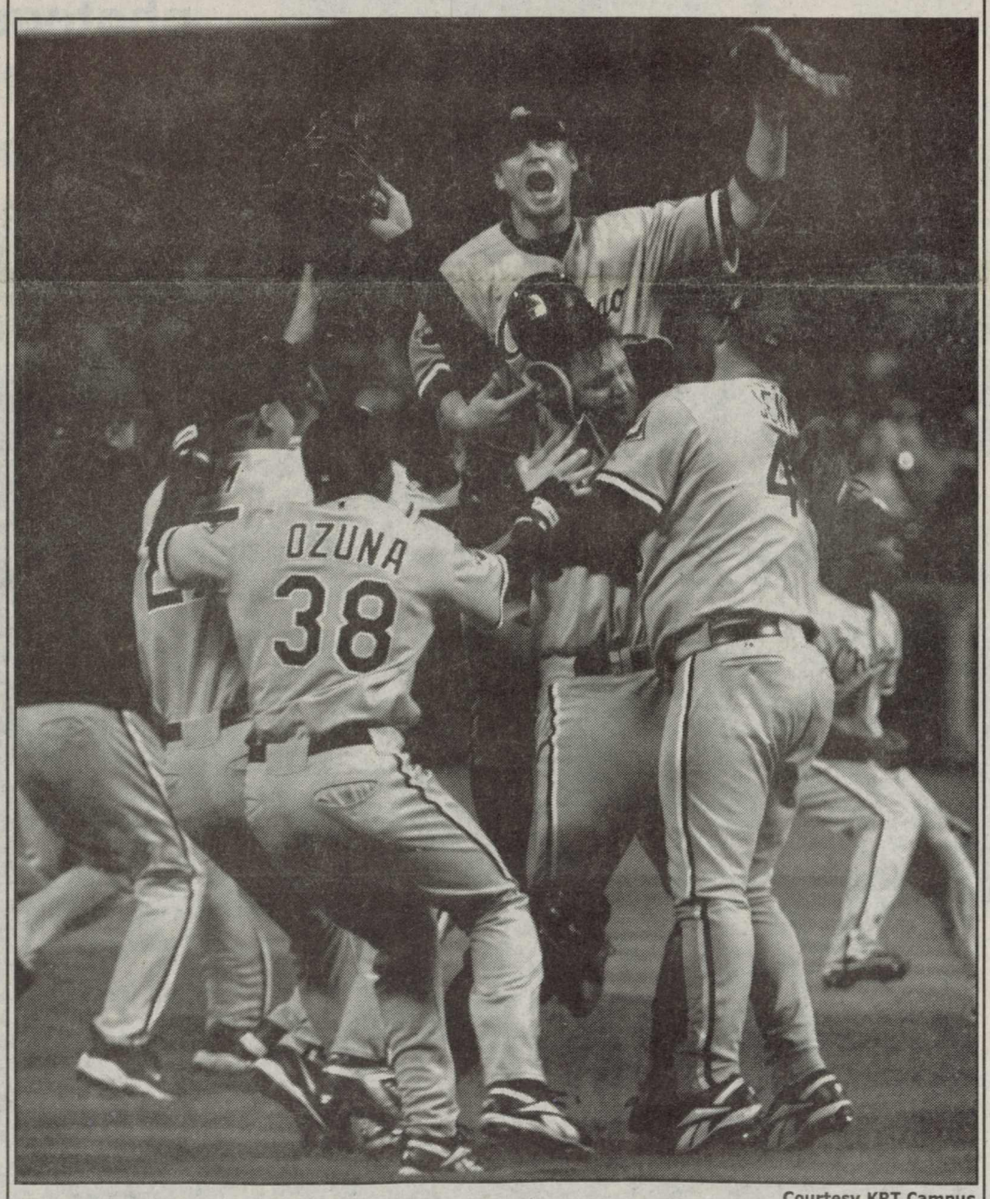
Head of Broadcast Journalism Mary Brocato said, "Dr. Lowenstein is the best man to teach students about love, sex, newspapers and computers."

Lowenstein has two degrees from Columbia University and a Ph.D. from the University of Missouri. He has written or co-authored five books and is a consultant for the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation in Miami. Lowenstein has also served as president of the National Journalism Educators Association.

Paula Furr, head of journalism, said Lowenstein is an accomplished journalist and educator.

"He is well known and respected in the journalism world," Furr said.

White Sox win World Series



Courtesy KRT Campus

The Chicago White Sox celebrate winning the 2005 World Series championship, defeating the Houston Astros, 1-0, in Game 4 at Minute Maid Park in Houston, Texas, Wednesday night.

Local Weather Forecast

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
71°/40°	72°/39°	75°/40°	77°/47°

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Mostly Sunny	Showers	Sunny	Sunny
78°/50°	67°/45°	73°/46°	76°/55°

Correction:

Last week *The Sauce* incorrectly identified NSU's 2005 Homecoming Queen as Britney Burns; her name is actually Britney Burton. We apologize for the error.

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NSU hosts Renaissance scholars' consortium

By Danny Jackson
Copy Editor
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The Louisiana Consortium of Medieval and Renaissance Scholars conducted their third annual academic conference Friday and Saturday in Morrison Hall.

After presenting a paper at last year's conference in Hammond, La., Louisiana Scholars' College Professor of Classics Jean D'Amato proposed that NSU host this year's event.

With the help of Scholars' College Professor of Language Lisa Wolffe, Professor of Language and Communication Helaine Razovsky, Assistant Professor of Social Sciences Kent Hare and Scholars' College Assistant Professor of Philosophy Rondo Keele, D'Amato organized the event, which included a reception and a presentation of papers related to the Renaissance and Medieval periods.

"This was an endeavor that brought together people from various universities of Louisiana and the surrounding areas and even from as far off as California. So it brought people together in that sense, but it also brought together people from the different components of the university itself. It was really a collaborative commitment," D'Amato said.



Courtesy Kent Hare
Susan Leonard performs at The Louisiana Consortium of Medieval and Renaissance Scholars reception in the Hanchey Gallery Friday night.

The event began at 6 p.m. Friday with an exhibition of 16th and 17th century engravings of sites in southern Italy from D'Amato's personal collection as well as a performance by harpist Susan Leonard.

Saturday's events began at 8 a.m. with a welcome from Donald Hatley, dean of the college of liberal arts. This was followed by presentations by LSU's Curator of Special Collections Elaine Smyth and Professor of English Malcolm Richardson.

The rest of the day was divided into three sessions of presentations by faculty members from various universities. An NSU or Scholars' College faculty member served as chairman for each session.

The event gave the presenters an opportunity to discuss topics they may not have an opportunity to talk about in a typical classroom setting.

Wolffe said, "I teach mainly what is necessary for students, and I usually teach lower level classes. But my interests are more in 16th century France, so the papers give me the opportunity to present the things that I am interested in to people who may also be interested in the same areas."

D'Amato said the conference provided a platform for the university to perform its basic functions.

"People tend to forget that a university has a double commitment. It's up to any university to boast the creation as well as the dissemination of knowledge," D'Amato said. "The creation of knowledge involves individuals, be it professors or students – we're trying to get students involved in this, very much – adding to knowledge, creating and adding to knowledge, which feeds into what this conference is trying to do."

Dave May, senior history major, attended the conference and said he expects more student involvement as the event grows and becomes better known.

"People just need to know about it… I was enticed to come for extra credit, but I'm glad I came. It seems like classroom lectures are very general, and everything that I've heard here has been a lot more specific. That makes it more interesting," May said.

Watson renovation project postponed

By Lindsay Larcom
Sauce Reporter

Proposed renovations for Watson Library have been postponed due to a statewide spending freeze brought on by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The renovation plans include laying new carpet in the third floor reference room, installing new lights on the first and second floors and stripping the wallpaper and painting the walls around the first floor elevators.

Director of Libraries Fleming Thomas said the renovations have been postponed indefinitely until the university is able to allocate the necessary funds.

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Goblins & Greeks

NSU hosts safe Halloween for area children

By Lela Coker
Sauce Reporter

Breaking out the Halloween costumes, masks and make-up was part of getting ready for the 13th annual Order of Omega Halloween Carnival yesterday at Prather Colesium.

The carnival gave Greek students and chance to give back to the community.

"All Greek organizations were founded on community service," Carla Cook, a member of Delta Sigma Theta said. "When you join a Greek organization you know it's going to be giving back and working with people."

The carnival gave children a safe alternative to trick or treating. Organizations set up different games for children to play and earn candy and prizes.

Games and activities included a space walk, fortune telling, cakewalk, beanbag toss, ring toss, pin the nose of the pumpkin and a costume contest.

Approximately) children and their parents sl wed up between 4-7 p.m.

"It's cool that we got to do something for the kids," JC Caruso, a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon says. "It seems like the parents get more involved when they come here."



Harvey Briggs/the Current Sauce
Junior biology major Tesha Daigre, paints faces during the 13th annual Order of Omega Halloween Carnival

"Kids can expect to enjoy themselves in a safe and fun atmosphere," Ziegler says.

Canned food items were redeemed at the door for tickets that could be used to play the games at the carnival. Each can was worth two tickets and 10 cans allowed a child to have unlimited access to the games. The cans went to the Natchitoches food bank.

"The carnival gives back in two ways," Kendall Garner, a member of Phi Mu says. "It gives the kids a positive environment and helps the students of Northwestern get to know the community. The canned food drive gives the community a chance to help those less fortunate during Thanksgiving."

Getting involved with a project like the Halloween carnival allows members of the Greek system to set themselves apart from stereotypes.

"It shows we can work together and we aren't just here to have fun, but to help out because that's what we are here for," Lauren Breaux, a member of Alpha Omicron Pi says.

All-girl cheerleaders really 'raise spirits'

By Kindra Watson
Sauce Reporter

When it comes to firing up a crowd, these girls really 'bring it.'

The all-girls cheerleading squad is a brand new spirit group that came to campus this semester.

"Not a lot of people at the football games realized who we were. Nobody knew who we were, they thought we were just a pep squad," Captain Skye Broussard, a senior journalism major, said.

Broussard said the all-girls squad allows girls who never cheered on a co-ed squad the opportunity to cheer for NSU. She also said the all-girls cheer squad are like an addition to the co-ed squad and there is no competition between the two cheer squads.

"Most of these girls don't stunt with boys, so this way it gives more girls a better chance to become a cheerleader for their college," Broussard said. "This is the best way for girls who never stunt with boys to showcase their talent and do what they love to do."

Jade Fobbs a freshman fashion merchandising major from Longview, Texas said, "Our team is probably a little more challenging because we don't have guys so we have to be a little stronger and we have to rely on each other."

The all-girls squad do cheer at all home football games, basketball games, volleyball games and soccer games.

Broussard said, "Our next performances will be at the basketball game, the slamboree next week, the volleyball game next week and the football game. So that is Thursday, Friday and Saturday,"

"We do a lot of performances. We do almost everything that the co-ed does except go to the away games because the school doesn't have enough money to send us," Broussard said.

Made up of 16 girls, one senior, two sophomores and 13 freshmen the all-girls cheer squad is comprised of girls from all over Louisiana and parts of Texas.

The first tryouts were this past summer when 10 girls were picked Six more girls were chosen once this semester started due to the low turnout at the first tryouts. Broussard said she hopes and encourages more girls come to tryouts for the squad next year.

"It's a wide variety of people from a lot of different places. We have a lot of characters on the squad," Fobbs said.

"We get along really well and it's a lot of fun. Our first game was fun. It was kind of a new experience for everybody because we were still kind of learning," says freshman psychology major Stephanie Farish.

Broussard said the best part about the all-girls squad is she finally gets a chance to cheer in college because she never cheered with boys before.

Fobbs said, "We have a lot of fun. We basically do the exact same thing as the co-ed squad; we cheer for the team, make sure that we are there for events."

The all-girls cheer squad will not be in any competitions this semester. Broussard said because the squad is new they want to first get their foundation better.



Harvey Briggs/the Current Sauce
The new all-girls cheerleading squad practices one of their stunts on Wednesday.

"All the girls are really excited about the squad and they enjoy showing their talent and supporting NSU," Broussard said.

Keep the doctor away the easy way

By Mary Beth Breckenridge
KRT Campus

The upcoming cold and flu season is a good time for a reminder about the importance of washing hands.

Here are some facts and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and the Clean Hands Coalition:

Why you should wash:

Cleaning hands is the most important thing you can do to keep from getting sick or spreading illness. Frequent washing removes germs you've picked up from other people, from contaminated surfaces or from animals and animal waste. Those germs can infect you if you touch your eyes, mouth or nose.

Illness as common as the cold and as serious as hepatitis A and meningitis can be prevented by hand-washing.

When to wash:

Often--probably more often than you do now. Hand-washing is especially important before, during and after you prepare food, before you eat, after you use the toilet, after handling animals or animal waste, and when your hands are dirty. You should wash your hands even more frequently when someone in your home is sick.

How to wash:

Wet your hands and apply soap. Rub your hands vigorously together and scrub all surfaces. Continue for 10 to 15 seconds, or about the time it takes to sing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" or "Happy Birthday." Rinse well and dry your hands.

Although the idea might sound silly, it is important to make sure that you have thoroughly washed and rinsed your hands

For more information on ways to prevent spreading germs visit or **cdc.gov** or **cleanhandscoalition.com.**

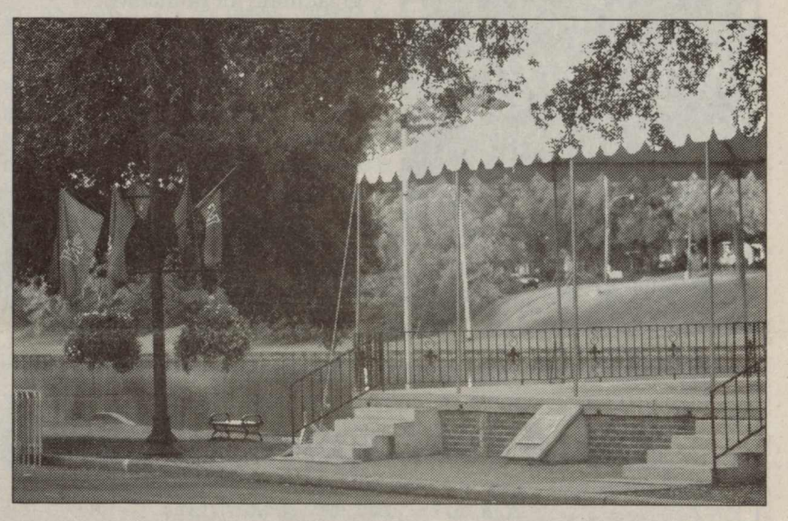


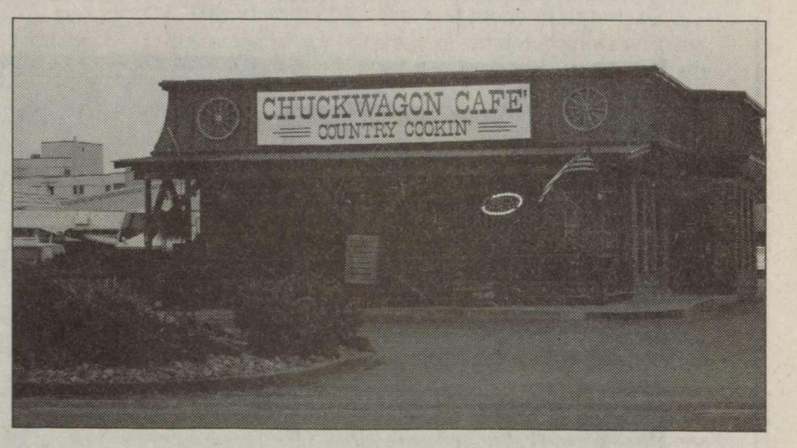
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Student Hot Spots

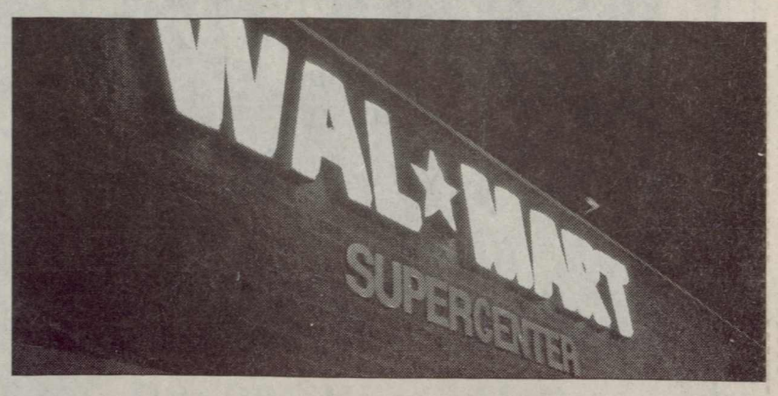
As students of NSU and residents of a small town like Natchitoches, we are forced to find new places to relax and unwind. This week, **the Sauce** *has chosen five favorite local hangouts that are sure to tickle any student's fancy.*











From top to bottom: PJ's Coffee House has always served as a 'hot spot' because it offers an assortment of hot and cold beverages and snacks as well as wireless internet; the Cane River front makes the 'hot spot' list because it is a quiet place to relax and 'recharge;' Natchitoches' newest home-cookin' restaurant The Chuckwagon offers homemade hot plate lunches. This place is sure to help any student forget about being homesick; The Pioneer Pub has been a great college hangout for several years. From beers to burgers, the Pub has got it all; When all else fails, go to Wal-Mart, also known as 'The Mall of Natchitoches.'

Photos by E.J. Schiro

WHAT'S NEW IN STORES THIS WEEK:

In Music

- *Sound of Revenge*, Chamillionare
- *Live Goode*, Chuck Berry
- *Bootleg to Benefit Victims of Hurricane Katrina*, Marc Broussard
- *Rockabilly Showdown*, Various Artists
- *Bun B*, Trill
- *Straight To Hell, Hank Williams III*

In Movies

- *The Wizard of Oz (3-Disc Collectors Edition)*•
- *Tales From the Crypt (2nd Season)*
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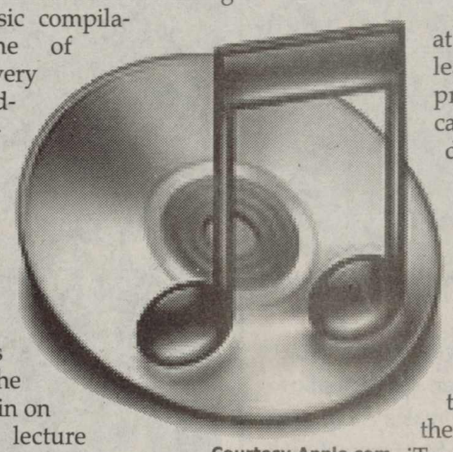


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I was about to go to bed Saturday night and did my normal routine of checking my news sites for anything that just came in. It was then that I lost all track of time and ended up staying up for about 4 more hours. I discovered that Stanford University (yes, the Ivy League Stanford) has setup a distribution deal with Apple's iTunes Music Store. I spent the night browsing the various music and talk files that are offered.

Why is this important you might ask; it's simple. Stanford is offering student music compilations (some of which are very good), recordings of concerts, faculty lectures, speeches, interviews and even sports games for free. That's right, free. The ability to sit in on a two-hour lecture about the life of Thomas Jefferson as told by Thomas Jefferson, for example, is a great thing for humanity.


Courtesy Apple.com

Ok, maybe not for humanity, but you understand what I mean. The world now has access to the teachings of Nobel Prize winners; Pulitzer Prize winners and some of the greatest minds in the American university system have for free. I can only hope that other schools start to offer this kind of content online.

There are faculty lectures about Shakespeare and the time he wrote in, the current state of American Politics, racial issues in the wake of the Katrina disaster and about maturity and mental health in adolescents just to name a few. All for free.

I really hope that some of the professors here at NSU could incorporate some of the knowledge into their own lectures. I would be interested to hear from any of the professors about this and any uses they have found for the information.

I am still amazed at the amount of learning that is present here. I can't wait until the day that universities all over the world start offering their knowledge like this. Maybe there should be a new section of the music store then that happens, iTunes Alexandria of the Library of iTunes, seeing how that much knowledge in one place can only be defined as a modern day Library of Alexandria. All for free, the only prerequisite being that iTunes be installed on your computer (a free download from Apple.com) and that you go to www.itunes.stanford.com. Go forth and find something interesting to listen to.

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Fashionable Focus

I have to start off by saying holy cow! Is this cooler weather spectacular or what? Most definitely! With the weather being so great, it kind of gets me in the mood to go coat shopping.

Granted, I know that this is Louisiana and there really is no need for subzero apparel or snow shoes; however, that doesn't mean that we Southerners can't indulge in a warm winter outfits—especially ones that are cute!

Remember, this season it doesn't matter what you've got on underneath as long as what you've got some sort piece of hot outerwear wear to go over it.

Choosing a winter look can be difficult. Are you going for something sleep and sophisticated? Is your style more vintage? Do you like standing out? Figure out which one you are and take a look at the following:

For something sleek and sophisticated, I would recommend a classic peacoat (short or long waist) or a plaid, wool trench coat. Or try something even sexier--a winter white trench! White will make any woman feel like the epitome of sophistication. Not only are all these styles timeless, you can pretty much wear a peacoat or trench with any outfit and look well put-together. Add a sexy scarf and some ballerina slippers and you're ready to go!

For some great examples. head to victoriassecret.com and check out their inventory.

For a vintage look, try going for fur. No, not real fur—FAUX fur! Right now Target.com has some of the best looks in faux fur—they look so real and the coats come in different colors and textures. Some are "long-haired" and plush while others are "short-haired" and fuzzy. For about 50 bucks you can get a great coat that looks amazingly real, and you don't have to feel about wearing fur (Don't worry, PETA won't pour paint on it!). Faux fur gives the illusion of luxuriousness wrapped in vintage chic.

For another vintage style, try a denim or corduroy jacket with a shearling lining. This look was most popular during the 1960s and 70s, but is made a huge comeback on the runway this season. Not only do these jackets look hot, they're pretty warm too!

If you are looking for a unique style, try looking into an old-fashioned cape style or a military style coat. You'll want to balance out a cape-style jacket with some slimming pants or a pencil skirt. Military styles are so in right now because they create a slim silhouette, usually by adding in a belted, nipped-in waist.

Demons host McNeese in last regular season game

Courtesy of Sports Information

Led by five seniors, NSU can finish an unbeaten home season at the NSU Soccer Complex by beating McNeese State Friday at 7p.m.

NSU will recognize its senior class before the game. That group includes senior midfielders Stephanie Miller and Heather Penico and senior defensive defenders Raquel Flores, Ashley Hadley and Tara Powasnik.

"These five seniors are the backbone of our team," coach Jimmy Mitchell said, "I am very proud of what they have accomplished athletically and academically."

The Demons (10-5-1, 5-1) are 5-0 at home and can tie for the Southland Conference championship with a win Friday and a Stephen F. Austin loss at Louisiana-Monroe. NSU defeated Sam Houston State 5-0 last Sunday, clinching the second seeding behind SFA and a first-round bye in the SLC Tournament next week at NSU.

McNeese (4-9-1, 1-3-1) fell to SFA 3-0 last Sunday while the Demons were edged by SFA 1-0 last Friday night..

Offensive captain Penico, a senior midfielder from River Ridge, was named first team All-SLC in 2002 and preseason first team All-SLC this season. Penico has 20 career goals with six in 2005.

Miller, a senior midfielder from Fort Myers, Fla., was named second team All-SLC in 2002 and first team All-SLC the following year. Miller is third on the team with 14 career goals.

Three seniors anchor the Demons' stout defense, which has recorded three shutouts. Flores, a Woodbury, Minn. native, is an aggressive leader on the back line for the Demons. Flores has never scored a goal and has only taken six shots in her career.

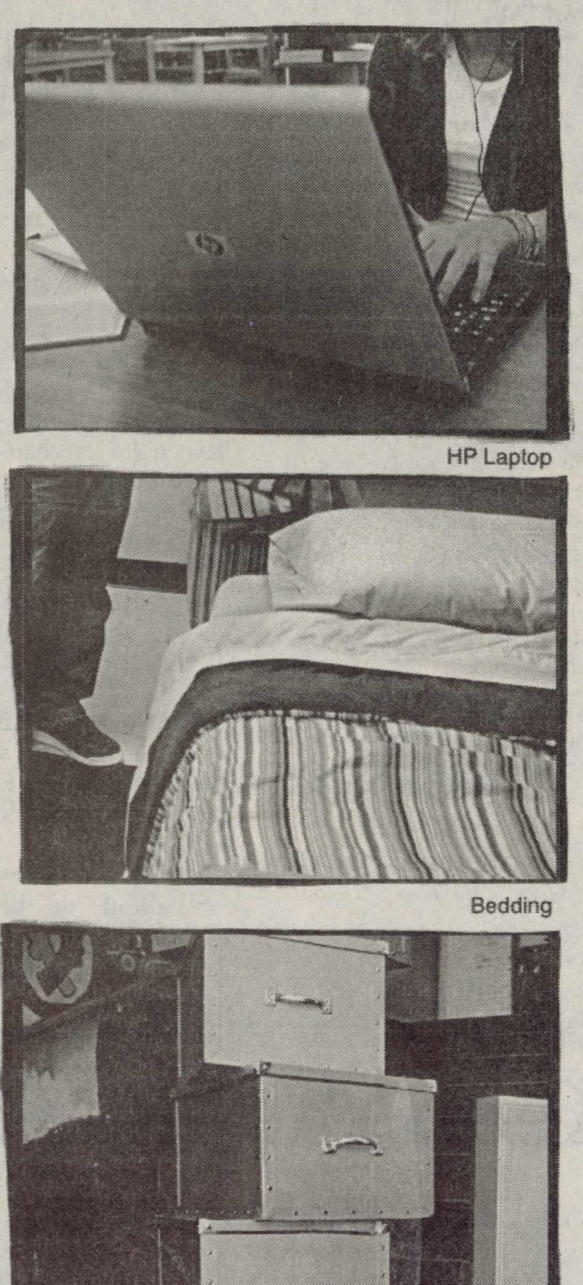
Hadley, from Hamilton, Ohio, was selected to the 2002 All-SLC Tournament team and was first team All-SLC, SLC All-Academic first team, and first team All-Louisiana in 2004. Hadley has 10 career goals from her defensive post with two in 2005.

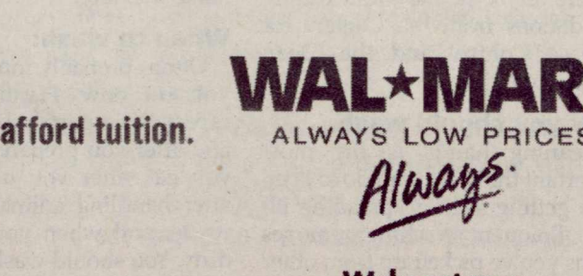
Defensive captain Powasnik from Logan, Utah, has been named to the All-SLC squad each of her three seasons and was SLC All-Academic first team in 2004.

"You can't top these seniors," said Mitchell, "They're special people and special players."

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Those who'd censor should beware

Kathleen Parker
The Orlando Senitel (KRT)

The First Amendment has been getting a workout in recent weeks on two college campuses _ the University of Florida and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill _ where students are learning that free speech is a messy business.

The two cases, one involving a columnist at UNC and the other a political cartoonist at UF, have inflamed minority groups _ Muslims and blacks, respectively _ provoking protests and debate. That's the good news; protest and debate are the currency of free speech.

What's not such good news is that the UNC columnist was fired, and the Florida cartoonist has been condemned and threatened. Both students have been virtually abandoned by university officials, some of whom apparently are more concerned about burnishing their multiculti self-images than in supporting an increasingly embattled founding principle.

Jillian Brandes, a former columnist for UNC's Daily Tar Heel, wrote a column making a case for racial profiling in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks that began hyperbolically: "I want all Arabs to be stripped naked and cavity-searched if they get within 100 yards of an airport."

Then she proceeded to quote several Arab students and a professor who said they wouldn't mind being searched. Some subsequently claimed their remarks had been taken out of context, an unprecedented development in journalism. Brandes was fired.

One could make a strong argument that Brandes' column was silly, amateurish, lacking in taste, strident and ineffective. But people have a clear and protected right to be both silly and amateurish.

Brandes' editor claimed that he fired her for "journalistic malpractice," for taking quotes out of context, not in response to pressure. I can only say that in 25 years with newspapers, I've never known anyone to be fired when a story's subjects didn't like the way quotes were used.

In Gainesville, Fla., cartoonist Andy Marlette drew an image that has angered some black groups. Marlette is the nephew of Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist and author Doug Marlette, whose talent as an equal-opportunity offender apparently seeped into the family gene pool.

Marlette the Younger's cartoon in the Independent Florida Alligator was a commentary on rapper Kanye West's remarks following Hurricane Katrina that "George Bush doesn't care about black people." Marlette drew a cartoon of West holding an oversized playing card labeled "The Race Card," with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice saying, "Nigga Please!"

The N-word makes me cringe... especially every time I hear Kanye West say it. His songs, including his current hit, "Gold Digger," are liberally seasoned with the word, often couched in violence and obscenity. But when I imagine the immaculate and proper Condi Rice saying it, especially to a "brotha" who has made a fortune playing the bad boy, it makes me laugh.

Which is to say Marlette's cartoon hit the mark. It was sophisticated, irreverent and funny. His use of West's own language to parody the rapper's political statement was, in fact, the art of the cartoon.

Yet certain campus groups and administrators were outraged. This, even though the same student government that pulled ads from the Alligator is paying West to drop the N-bomb in concert at the university in a few days.

It's hardly surprising that students don't understand that the First Amendment, which protects Marlette's and Brandes' right to voice unpopular opinions, also protects West's "music," as well as their own right to protest.

It's disturbing, however, when faculty and administrators' understanding is little better.

The painful irony is that minorities are historically the first to suffer when free speech goes. Not so long ago, blacks were lynched in this country for trying to voice their opinions at the polls. Which is why African Americans _ and now Arab Americans troubled by the specter of discrimination _ should be the loudest voices supporting the freedoms that permit even speech they find offensive.

It's a messy job, but everybody's got to do it.

Mamas, don't let your babies grow up to be 'Apple'



Leigh Anne Bramlett
Sauce Columnist

It has come to my attention that some people who could otherwise be called "reasonable adults" need some serious help in one extremely important area: naming their children.

Have you read the birth announcement section of any paper in the country lately? Our nation is rapidly becoming populated with children saddled with increasingly ridiculous and ridiculously-spelled names. I like to call this sickness, which has affected an alarmingly large portion of the childbearing public, CRAS: Crazy Random Appellation Syndrome.

Being the generous, kindhearted soul that I am, I am leaping in to fill the void of good sense, to rescue our future leaders from names that would once have been rejected by the writers of Star Trek. Here are a few simple rules to make sure that you don't ruin your future child's life (no pressure). You may thank me later, with cash or Godivas.

Rule #1: If your dog has a more dignified name than your child, you may be heading into CRAS territory. A People magazine article from February of this year compares the names celebrities give to their offspring to the names they give their canine companions. A troubling example: Gwyneth's bundle of joy: Apple. Gwyneth's furry friend: Holden. That's right. The dog gets the literary allusion, and the baby gets the featured item in this week's Piggly Wiggly sales ad. Now, I know what you're thinking "But I like my dog better than I like most kids. He/she whines far less, and is much more advanced in the, shall we say, toilet-related arts, than is my daughter/cousin/sibling. And my dog is smarter, too!" Dear reader, I could not agree more with your assessment. However, your present or future child may choose to grow up one day, and in the event that said child may desire to have a job description beyond "Junior High School Cheerleader," or "Pole Dancer," you would be wise to give her a name that doesn't sound like a cheese (Bree/Brie, . al.) or a weather pattern (Stormy, Windy, etc.). Your dog, however, may enjoy being named after a cheese; it has been my observation that they can't get enough of the stuff. (Fun Fact: My dog, Tallulah--yeah, that's right, Tallulah--likes Monterey Jack. The cheese. Don't even think of naming your kid Monterey Jack.) I recommend satisfying your creative naming itch by giving your dog the silliest name you can possibly think up. In other words, look through a current baby naming book.

Rule #2: Naming your kid after the place they were conceived is a colossally bad idea. The darlings of London, Posh Spice and soccer star husband David Beckham, named their child Brooklyn, because he was conceived in—wait for it—Brooklyn. Well, this kid is going to be screwed up for a myriad of reasons, not the least of which is the fact that his mother is a former Spice Girl. For normal humans, trust me when I say to you that your kid does not want to be named after a place in which you had sex. He or she does not want to know that you ever had sex. You are his/her parent, for heaven's sake. Ew.

Rule #3: Madison with 3 Ys and a Q is still Madison when the teacher calls roll. Ok, here's the part where the hate mail will start rolling in, but hear me out. If you want your kid to be unique, name her Bertha. If you want your kid to be unique and still be named Madison or Dakota, you're fighting a losing battle. Or, I should say, your kid will be when she gets to first grade and develops brain cramps trying to figure out how to spell "Mahddysynneq" (the Q is silent). And to add insult to injury, she will still be Madison Lastname, because of the eleventy billion other "uniquely" named Madison variants in her class. I'm just saying.

So, go on. Name your kid whatever you please. Name her Dweezilanna Vancouver Moonfrye MuhKennzeyy Banana Jones, for all I care. Just don't let me know about it. And don't say you haven't been sufficiently warned. Although, come to think of it, that is a great name for a dog.

Editorial



By Lora Sheppard
Editor in Chief

Change is the essence of life. Be willing to surrender what you are for what you could become. – Unknown

College has taught me many things that have absolutely nothing to do with academics. I've learned that a crate of ramen is worth about the same as a pack of cheap hot dogs; that I am willing to pay the money for a tank of gas to go home for a weekend if it means my parents will feed me, give me the opportunity to do laundry for free and hug my cat. I've learned that sometimes piling blankets on your bed is better than driving the electricity up in December and January. College students make jokes of purposely getting into car accidents just for the money resulting from a lawsuit.

I have also learned that I can survive on less than two hours of sleep as long as I have coffee. I may not be completely coherent, but I will live.

In any case, college has been nothing but a huge transitory period for me. This is a time where things change at rapid speed for everyone. I'm at that age where friends are getting married, having babies, getting engaged and graduating from college (if only.) The minute you think things are settling down, you can get a call from a friend or family member that throws a wrench into your life when you finally think everything is stationary. For once.

This, on top of the fact that many of us are still in that stage of our lives where we don't know who we are or what we want to do, can be difficult, especially for people who aren't partial to change and don't deal with it very well. Often, a person can feel stuck in a rut, as if life is passing them by too fast for them to process it. Things are changing at such a rapid pace that it's easy to lose sight of what you need to do, or of what is important.

I know there are times where I feel completely useless compared to some of the people I know. I look at them and see what they have accomplished, and I can feel inadequate in comparison. As if I should ask myself, "Is *this* all there is to life?"

Well, I'm here to tell you that no, it isn't. This is all temporary and subject to change. Which seems to be the word of the year lately. Things will not stay this way, and we might as well sit back and enjoy the ride as this period of our life jumps into hyperspeed.

Then again, I guess we're just growing up.





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The Full Count

NSU's NFL DBs

Two former Demon defensive backs, one a veteran in the league and the other a newcomer who made the Pro Bowl last year, have been pretty busy on Sundays in the early stages of the NFL season.

Both have been shutting down receivers, causing quarterbacks to look to the other side of the field, and one is even averaging 34.3 yards on 18 kickoff returns this year on Sundays.

Jacksonville Jaguars cornerback Kenny Wright, while splitting time with three others at corner opposite Rashean Mathis, has already made a big impact with the 4-2 Jaguars after spending three years with the Minnesota Vikings and another three with the Houston Texans.

Wright, who racked up 267 tackles, four interceptions and three sacks in his first six years in the pros, was picked up by Jacksonville in late March out of the free agent market, probably due to his dismal five tackles and no picks in 16 games last season with Houston.

But this year Wright has looked rejuvenated.

Especially in the Jaguar's Oct. 9th 23-20 win over Carson Palmer and the Cincinnati Bengals.

I would say Wright and his fellow defensive backs were the first crew of the season to get a checkmark on the "Who Can Guard 85 in 2005" checklist that Bengal receiver Chad Johnson keeps taped on his locker, holding the loud-mouthed receiver to only 52 yards on five catches.

The former NSU safety finished the game with five tackles and two pass deflections, and put a big hit on Johnson causing him to drop a pass.

The seven-year veteran also recorded five tackles helping to hold the Indianapolis Colts to only 10 points, five tackles against the Denver Broncos and six in Jacksonville's season opener against the Seattle Seahawks.

In their first six games Wright has 24 tackles.

Following an All-Pro year in just his second NFL season, former Demon Terrence McGee has stepped up as a starting cornerback.

Not to mention he continues to show off the explosive returning skills that got him to Hawaii and made him an All-American selection in 2000 with NSU.

In five of the Bills first seven games McGee has had 80 or more kickoff return yards, three of which he had over 100 yards.

Against the Saints in San Antonio, Texas, just a few hours down the road from his hometown of Athens, McGee returned a kick for 82 yards, the longest in Buffalo history that did not end in a touchdown and finished with 159 return yards.

Like Wright, McGee has also been playing great defense this year.

He has 34 tackles through seven games and finished with seven tackles against Tampa Bay, Atlanta and Oakland.

The two-time All-SLC selection also had an interception in back-to-back games against Miami and the New York Jets for the 3-4 Bills.

Other former NSU defensive backs in the NFL are Cleveland Browns cornerback Jermaine Jones, out of Morgan City, LA, and safety Mike Green, from Ruston, La., who is in his sixth season with the Chicago Bears. Green has four tackles and a pass deflection in four games this season.

NSU downed, but not out

After dropping their first SLC game Saturday at Texas State 31-16, the Demons will host the Northeastern Huskies from the Atlantic 10 Conferenc

By Justin Hebert
Sports Editor

The NSU Demons (3-3) will play host to the Northeastern Huskies (1-5) of the Atlantic 10 Conference at Turpin Stadium Saturday at noon when these two teams face each other for the first time ever.

The Demons, who dropped out of the I-AA top 25 for the first time in 19 weeks, are coming off a 31-16 road loss at the hands of Bobcat quarterback Barrick Nealy and No. 5 Texas State (6-1, 2-0 in SLC) Saturday, the first time TSU has beaten the Demons in four years.

Meanwhile the Huskies, located in Boston, Mass., will be looking to snap a three-game losing streak and pick up their second win of the season as they play a game farther south than any ever played in school history.

Although Northeastern is 1-5, their record is somewhat misleading. The Huskies have overtime losses to I-AA power Georgia Southern, in the opening week, and No. 9 William & Mary, and have losses to two other top ten teams, No. 7 Massachusetts and No. 4 New Hampshire.

The carousel that has been NSU's offensive line will get a new look once again this week, as Preseason All-Southland Conference first team selection, senior Brian Booth moves to center for the first time in order for head coach Scott Stoker to match the tough play the Huskies will bring to the game.

"It's like riding a bike for me because I played center my freshman year," Booth said. "I think it will help us out."

Junior Chris Smith has been getting the time at center since the loss of Preseason All-SLC pick Mark Rabalais who suffered an injury in the Demon's last preseason scrimmage in August, which left Booth as the only returning starter at the offensive line position.

"We have to be physical in the middle this week because they're so good up front," Booth said.

The Demons will hope to get their running game back on track like in their 31-10 win over South eastern just two weeks ago, i which tailback Anthony Holme rattled off 131 rushing yards.

At Texas State NSU did see som signs of a return from starting ta back Shelton Sampson who ave aged 5.7 yards per carry picking u 68 yards, a season high, on 12 ca ries.

But once again senior quarte back Davon Vinson was their lea ing rusher with 96 yards on 11 ca ries including a 24-yard touc down run.

The running game will be t focus of attention for both t Demons and Huskies this wee end.

The Demons, who broke offensive school records just la year, have struggled to get the offense running in several gam this season but averaging 325 yar a game, 176 rushing, meanwhi Northeastern is putting up 347 yp with 156 coming on the ground.

NSU will hope to get a win non-conference play this week boost them into their three remai ing conference games to round o the regular season.

Next week the Demons play ho to a pesky Nicholls State (2-3, 1- before traveling to Lake Charles face off with SLC rival McNee State (3-2, 1-1) on Nov. 12..

Then the Demons will retu home for their last regular seas game against Stephen F. Austin (3, 1-2) on Nov. 17, a Thursday nig game which will be aired live ESPNU.



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NSU tailback Shelton Sampson follows his blocker, offensive lineman Brian Booth, during the Demons 31-16 loss at Texas State. The game was Sampson's first in three weeks. Booth will be playing center for the Saturday against Northeastern.

Lady Demons hoping to turn it around at home

By Justin Hebert
Sports Editor

After winning their first two Southland Conference matches, the Lady Demons have dropped eight of their last and find themselves tied with Louisiana-Monroe for 6th place in the conference standings with six matches left in the regular season.

But heading into a big weekend in which they host Southeastern Louisiana Friday at 7 p.m. and Nicholls State Saturday at 5 p.m. the Lady Demons are focused on their future rather than their past.

"It doesn't matter how we start," Mullins said. "It matters how we finish. When most teams have already gelled we're still already in the process of figuring out where to jell. I feel this team, when they get into the conference tournament, we're just going to explode."

The Lady Demons nearly saw those tournament hopes fade away Friday night, but rallied from being down two games to beat Lamar on the road.

Trying to continue on that success NSU traveled to McNeese Saturday, and NSU career assists leader Flavia Belo recorded her second career triple-double, but her team fell short 3-1, losing the last game 29-31.

"I think we are out of our slump," Mullins said. "We beat Lamar Friday coming from two games behind, which is huge. That's just mental toughness. We lost to McNeese but we played well. What was against us is that we had to drive back and forth both nights. They were exhausted. They were just flat tired."

The Lady Demons returned from Beaumont, Texas at around 3 a.m. Saturday morning and were back on their bus headed for Lake Charles at 11 a.m. on Saturday, very tough circumstances for anyone to win under.

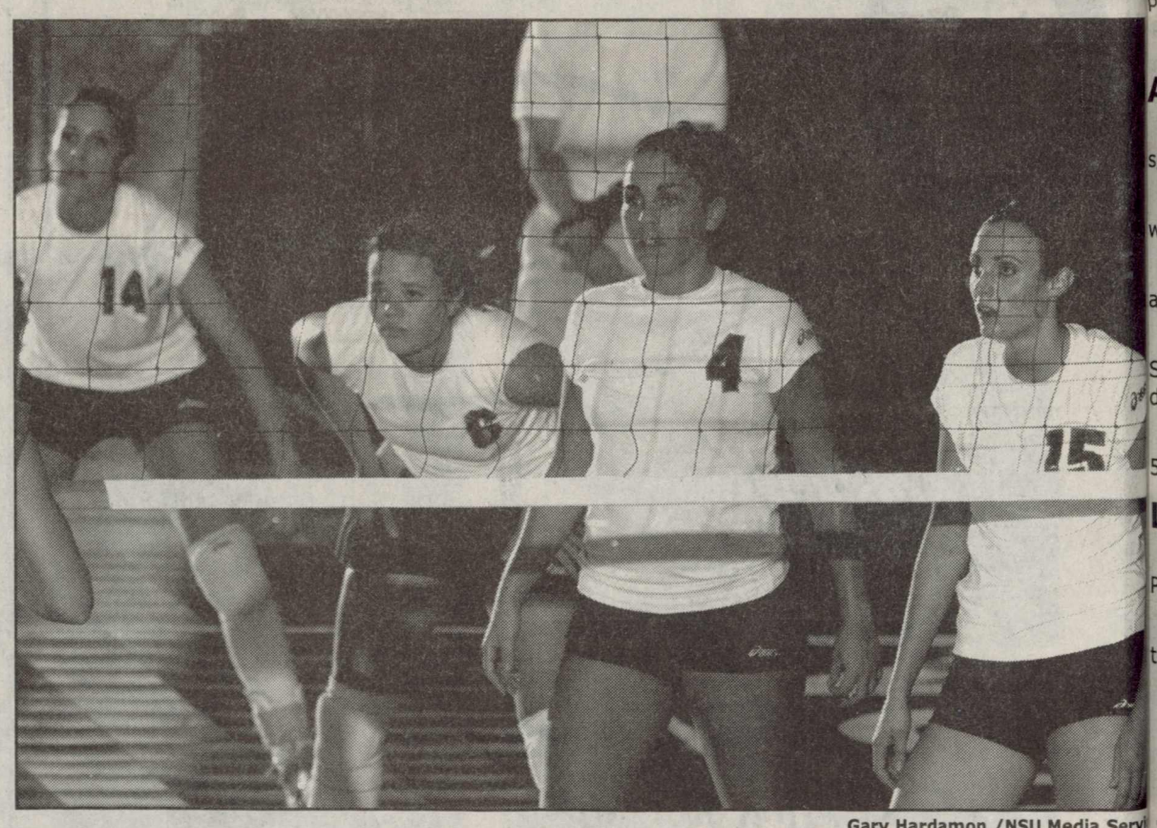
This weekend Mullins and her squad will have the luxury of staying at home when they host the two worst teams in the conference.

But winning these two matches could mean a lot more to this team and their season.

"That'll pretty much guarantee us into the conference tournament," Mullins said. "They're huge games so we're really excited about them being at home."

After Southeastern and Nicholls, the Lady Demons will hit the road again to face Texas-Arlington, who they swept three games at home earlier in the season, and Sam Houston State, who is second in the SLC.

Then NSU will play their last two regular season games in the comforts of Prather Coliseum, hosting Texas-San Antonio and Texas State.



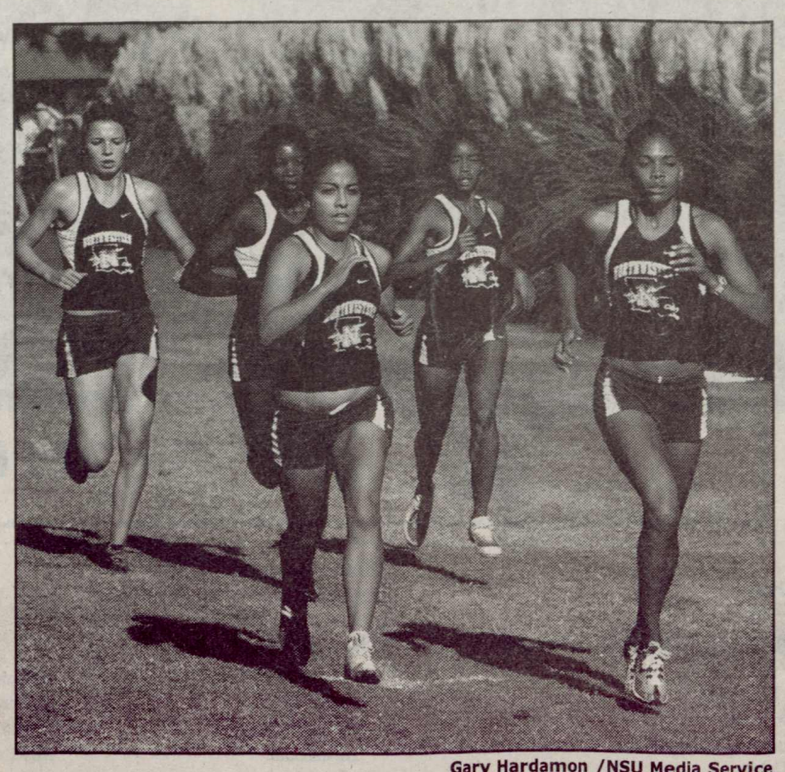
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From left Lady Demons Isabela Duarte, Juliana Abreau, Flavia Belo and Jessica Holland wait for a serve against Louisiana Tech at home earlier in the season. The Lady Demons return home this weekend to host Southeastern and Nicholls.

Mullins feels to be successful enough in the last leg of the regular season to get them into the SLC tournament, she's going to have to rely on seniors Priscila Augusto, who was the first Lady Demon All-SLC selection ever, Isabela Duarte, Shannon Puder, and Belo to show the leadership she's looking for.

"I've put a little bit more pressure on them to lead this team in the last couple of weeks and they're doing a good job at it," Mullins said.

NSU is hoping to reach their first conference tournament in scho history. Although the regular s team field for the tourney has be expanded to eight this seaso Mullins hopes her team can make in the top six teams, showing th they truly "earned it."



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The Lady Demons cross country finished second Friday in NSU's All-Corners Meet Friday. Margeaux Fisher (far right) was the first to finish for the Lady Demons.

Lamar wins NSU meet, Lady Demons finish 2nd

Courtesy of Sports Information

Renee Graham led a string of seven Lamar runners across the finish line Friday as the Lady Cardinals posted a perfect score of 15, then Danny Shaw's win in the men's race started Lamar to a sweep of the team titles at the NSU Cross Country All-Comers Meet.

Graham covered the 4,000-meter course in 14:23.1 to win the women's individual crown by 15 seconds.

Shaw posted a 19:15.3 clocking over 6,000 meters, taking the men's title by a 34-second margin.

Meet host NSU was second in the women's team standings and sixth in a seven-team field in the men's race starting and finishing at the NSU Soccer Complex on campus.

The Lady Demons' Margeaux Fisher was the first non-Lamar runner to finish, taking eighth place in 16:05.8, just ahead of teammate Abby Salomon (16:06.4) and Jasmine Collins of Louisiana-Lafayette.

Lamar's perfect score in the women's team standings topped 59 points for NSU, 82 for Louisiana-Lafayette, 146 by Centenary and 165 from Louisiana Tech. Nicholls State and Southeastern Louisiana did not finish five runners to record scores.

In the men's race, Lamar won with 31 points, followed by Southeastern (61), Stephen F. Austin (79), ULL (86), Centenary (108) and N (132). Nicholls did not post a sco

Following Fisher and Salom on the Lady Demons' scoreca were Ruth Kinyanjui (11th, 16:30. Ashley Terrell (12th, 16:32.6) a Lesley Lambert (19th, 17:06.3).

For the Demons, the top finish was Steve Kemei, 15th in 20:56 Chris Pearson ran 21:03.1 for 2 place, followed on the NSU sco card by Aaron Heflin (29 21:52.7), Gideon Rotich (33 22:24.5) and Phillip Hattaw (34th, 22:32.0).

The meet was a final tuneup f the Southland Conference Champ onships on Monday at the Nort western Hills Golf Course

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Bring **Connections** to **Kyser 225G**, or e-mail them to **thecurrentsauce@gmail.com**. Please include a name and telephone number. We reserve the right to refuse any **Connection**.

SAB positions open

The Student Activities Board is accepting applications for several open positions.

The open positions are: Bossier Hall Residential Representative; Sabine Hall Residential Representative; Representative at Large; Freshman Factor Committee Head (requires previous SAB experience).

Applications are available in room 214 of the Student Union and are due by 4 p.m. on Nov. 11.

All students are welcome to attend SAB board meetings on Mondays at noon in the Cane River Room of the Student Union.

Health Services to offer packages to help smokers quit

NSU Health Services will host a Great American Smokeout event on Nov. 16.

All students who are interested in quitting smoking are invited to come by Health Services to get a free "Let's Kick Butt" bag containing a plan and items to aid in the quitting process.

The bags will be available from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Argus accepting submissions

The Argus, NSU's art and literary magazine, is accepting submission for its 2006 edition.

The first, second and third place winners in each category will receive prizes of $100, $50 and $25, respectively.

The categories are poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, art and photography.

Students are limited to three submissions per category. Submissions should be e-mailed to argus@nsula.edu and dropped off in room 318 of Kyser Hall by Dec. 9.

For more information, contact Monica Gremillion at 357-5575.

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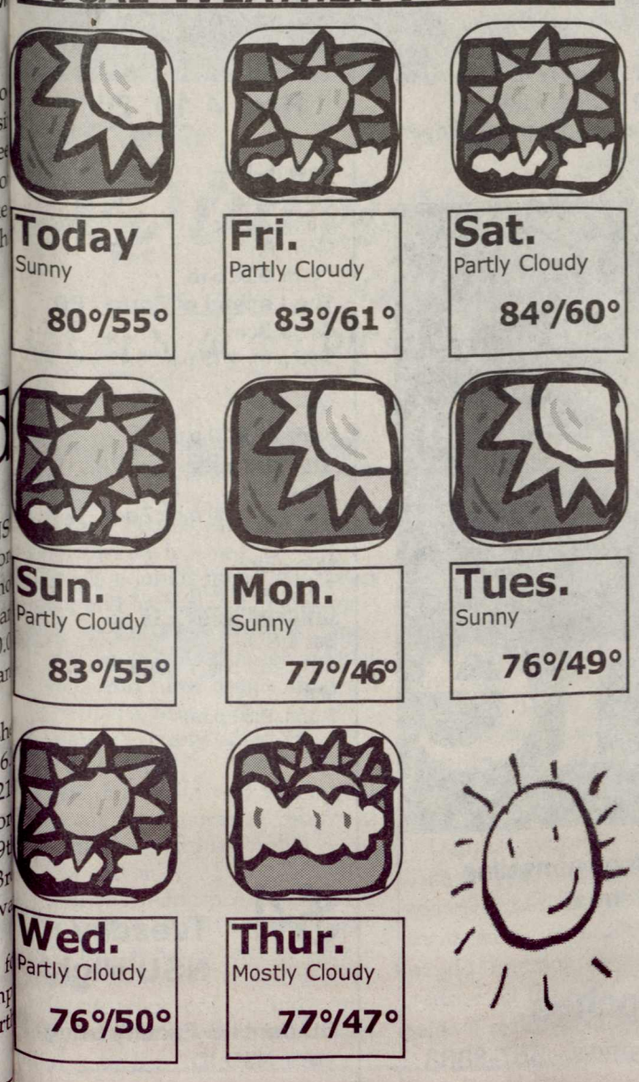
Applications for participants in NSU's Lady of the Bracelet Pageant are due Friday.

Applications are available online at nsula.edu/studentactivities/sab/committees/?id=2.

The pageant awards over $8,000 in scholarships.

For more information, contact Yonna Pasch 357-5438.

Local Weather Forecast



Provost candidates visit NSU campus

By Lora Sheppard
Editor in Chief

In January 2006, NSU will officially have a new provost and vice president for academic affairs following Anthony Scheffler's abrupt resignation last November.

The position of provost is extremely important in NSU's administration. The provost is second to the president of the university and serves as the head of the university in the president's absence. The provost is responsible for faculty and curriculum development, enrollment management and leadership for NSU's distance learning program.

Thomas Hanson, acting provost and vice president for academic affairs, said the University of Louisiana System has certain rules and procedures for hiring new faculty at or above the dean level.

"It requires a nation-wide search," Hanson said.

That search entered its final stages this week when four final applicants arrived for interviews out of more than twenty-five initial applicants.

William Brent, director of creative and performing arts, is the chair of the search committee. He said Hanson was appointed by the University of Louisiana system for a term that ends in December, so it was necessary to search for someone who would hold the position permanently.

"The quality of the four who we are interviewing is outstanding," Brent said. "Not only are their credentials impressive, but their ability to communicate and interact with the many different interview groups on campus was refreshing."

All of the candidates are being considered for the position through an interview process and open forum this week. The forums allowed students, faculty and staff to meet and speak to the individual candidates. The search committee will make a decision soon and present their recommendation to NSU President Randall Webb.

Webb said he hopes to make a decision in December.

"We want someone who will be able to work well in the university community at Northwestern," Webb said.

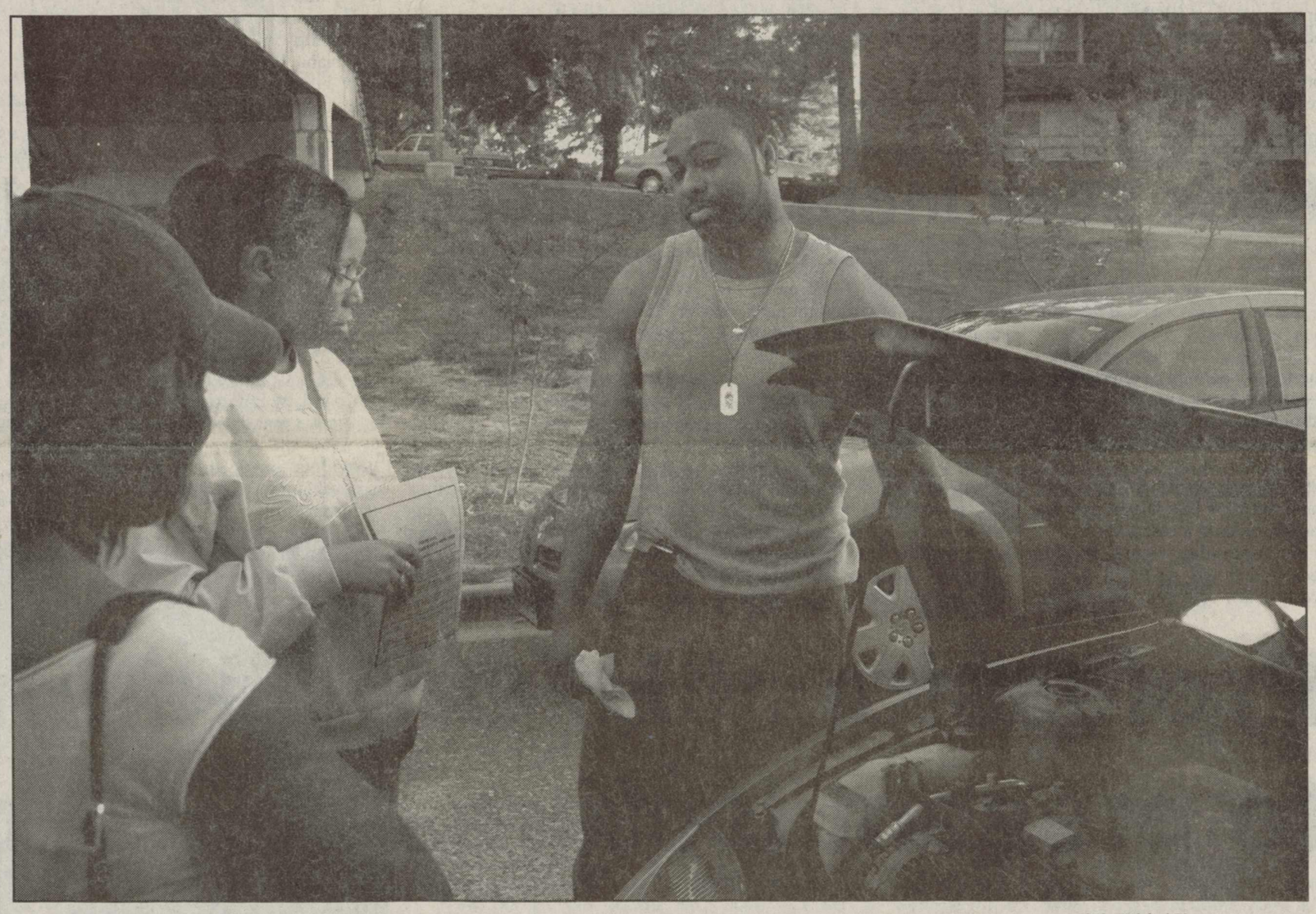
The four candidates are varied in their respective disciplines, all with different ranges of experience. Here is a breakdown of what students need to know about the candidates:

Peter Fos, Ph.D., M.P.H.

- Currently dean of the college of health at the University of Southern Mississippi and has held faculty and administrative positions at Tulane and The University of Nevada in Las Vegas.
- Believes Natchitoches and NSU have "great untapped potential."
- Said that he had vast experience at different universities and different types of institutions. "I know what a successful university looks like," Fos said. "I'd bring a broad perspective into this job."

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AKA gets automotive advice



Chris Reich / The Current Sauce

Jarvis Edwards, a sophomore health and human performance major, teaches members of Alpha Kappa Alpha how to check a car's fluid levels. The "Makanics" seminar was part of the Alpha Kappa Alpha week festivities.

NSU College of Education receives good review from national council

By Lora Sheppard
Editor in Chief

On Oct. 22-26, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education gave NSU's college of education a positive exit interview for re-accredidation that should be finalized by August.

NCATE, a nonprofit, non-governmental organization, uses a voluntary peer-reviewed process to measure the quality of a college's programs. They judge whether schools are providing effective teachers based on the institution's programs, faculty qualifications, field experiences and candidate knowledge.

"We must show our facilities are adequate," said Vickie Gentry, dean of the college of education.

The department under review presents data to the NCATE representatives including a listing of the courses offered, improvements needed, program changes, faculty credentials and proof that graduates know how to interact with different classes and cultures.

NSU was the first university in Louisiana to receive NCATE accreditation, achieving it in 1954. The college of education has maintained that accreditation ever since.

"We can't jeopardize the record we have," Gentry said.

The college of education had a year extension to prepare for the visit. NCATE sent nine members; five national and four state representatives.

"They were amazed at the attitude of faculty and students," Gentry said.

She also said NCATE cited no weaknesses or "areas of improvement," and that the representatives were very positive.

"They (the representatives) will make recommendations to NCATE," Acting Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Thomas Hanson said. "We have a chance to negotiate back and forth areas of concern."

The college of education faculty was pleased with the results of the exit interview.

Cathleen Seymour, assistant dean to the college of education, said, "We are very, very proud of what was accomplished and want the campus to know."

State universities face budget cuts

By Katie Lopez
Sauce Reporter
and Kyle Shirley
News Editor

On Sept. 19 Gov. Kathleen Blanco enacted a freeze on all hiring and spending for Louisiana's state institutions, including all state universities.

The freeze, which is outlined in Governor's Executive Order KBB 2005-38, is a response to the anticipated budget deficit caused by damage from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

NSU President Randall Webb said the State Revenue Estimating Conference, which usually meets in December, met Friday morning and estimated the state would lose about $970 million in tax revenue.

The Conference then required state universities to submit proposals showing budget cuts of five percent by Tuesday. Webb said NSU's proposal reflected an estimated $1,519,179 cut.

"This is one of those things you never anticipate to happen," Webb said.

Thomas Hanson, acting provost and vice president for academic affairs, said the spending freeze will not disrupt NSU's ability to pay for essential resources on campus such as lights and water.

"The university needs to analyze spending... if something is not essential then it will have to be postponed," Hanson said. "As we are asked to cut the budget we have less discretionary income coming to us from the state. And that means that we have less to spend."

Hanson said NSU's Strategic Planning and Budgeting Council is working on different scenarios to determine which areas of the budget can be cut.

Webb said the President's Cabinet met with the Committee Monday to listen to its recommendations and develop a course of action, Webb said.

"We are doing our best to try to ensure academics do not get affected by the cuts," Webb said.

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NSU approaches fund-raising goal

By Jamie Webb
Sauce Reporter

The NSU Capital Campaign for a Brighter Tomorrow should reach its $18.84 million goal by the end of spring semester, if not sooner, said Chris Maggio, director of alumni and development.

NSU President Randall Webb said, "I hope that we reach that goal by the end of this academic year. Even if we don't, we're still going to reach it. I want to eclipse that goal and go beyond it."

Webb said NSU has held other fund-raisers, but this the first one of such a large scale in the history of the school. He said he got the idea for the campaign from other schools that run these types of campaigns.

"I just know from my experience from my years in higher education that if you want to elevate an institution to a higher level of excellence and promise it requires private and corporate support outside of the other sources of revenue," Webb said. "From the time I became president, I wanted to conduct a capital campaign. It took me several years to get to the point where other people felt that it was appropriate and felt there would be adequate support. You don't want to conduct a campaign that falls flat on its face. You want it to be successful."

He said he hopes to start a new campaign once this one is completed.

Maggio said this campaign began in 2000 but did not go public until May 2004 when it reached $13 million.

"This is the way that you generally run campaigns," he said. "You don't announce the campaign until you have reached a certain percentage of the goal. It creates momentum."

The time between 2000 and 2004 was called the silent phase, during which the Alumni Center collected donations from alumni, businesses and individuals with potential to give large gifts to the university.

"We do seek out some people. On the other hand, there are other people who contact us and want to be a part of it, which is wonderful," said Webb.

Maggio said they did not expect to reach the $18.84 million goal until 2007, but no one expected the campaign to do as well as it has done.

"It's gratifying that people have chosen to support Northwestern as strongly as they have. It says a lot about the quality of the program we have," Maggio said.

Webb said, "Our goal was $18.84 million, which was based on our founding date. It wasn't all scientifically planned. We were trying to arrive at a goal based on the best information we had at the time, and, on top of that, to try our best to put ourselves in a position to have to stretch to reach our goal. And so it would appear as though we picked a reasonably good goal because we have continually moved toward it."

Maggio said, "This campaign is designed for the whole campus.

"The money from the campaign is used to fund endowed chairs, endowed professorships, and scholarships for students. The money endowed to the chairs is used for research endeavors, travel and things of that sort and faculty members also get grants from private investors for research and their departments.

"Athletics is another big part of the campaign," he said. The campaign funds endowed scholarships, sponsorships, all fund raising by the athletic department, including raising external money to support the Division I program.

NSU currently has endowed chairs that have been matched by the state and one that is still being processed. John Merrill holds the position for the Erbon and Marie Wise Endowed Chair in journalism. The other is the Melba Law Steeg Endowed Chair in Educational Technology Leadership, but no one has yet been chosen to fill this position.

Maggio said they are waiting for the Charles Ragus Family Endowed Chair in Business to be matched with $600,000 from the state.

Maggio also said NSU is closing in on 30 endowed professorships.

"Most of the professorships are set up in a specific college or department. For example, the donor will want to endow a professorship in the College of Business , but they can be rotated if chosen," Maggio said.

The original sum that is endowed is never spent, but the interest the money earns is used to fund the professors chosen for the program.

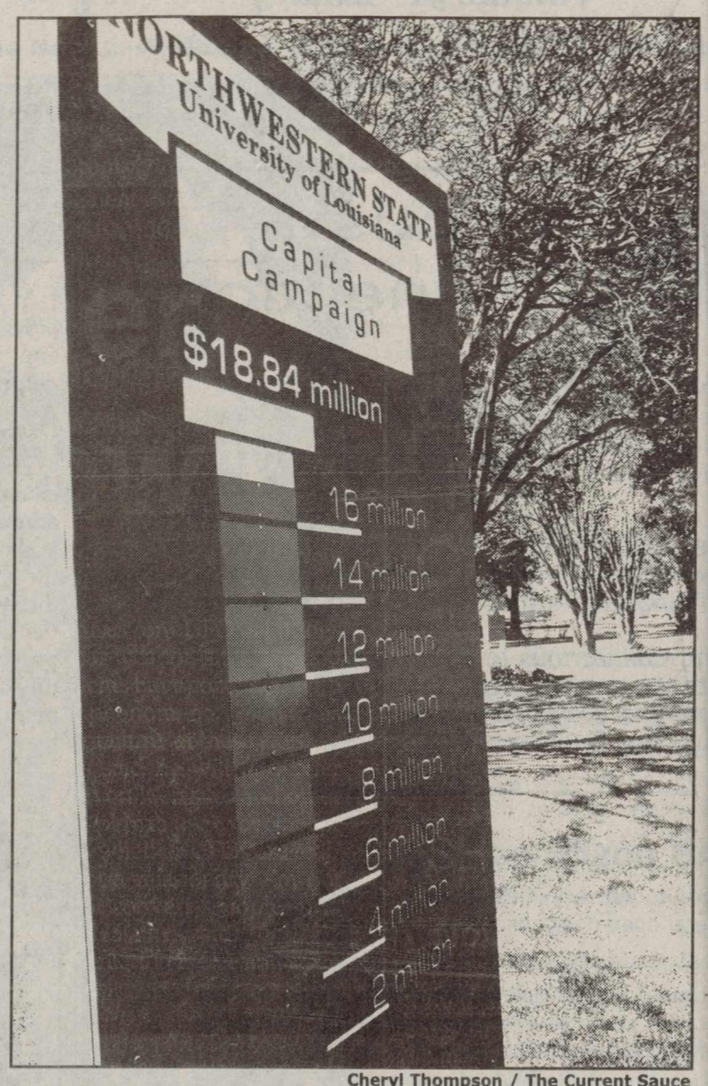
According to a pledge form from the office of alumni and development, there are two categories of gifts people can pledge to the campaign: those under $10,000 and those of $10,000 and above.

Gifts under $10,000 can be designated to the "For a Brighter Tomorrow" Student Scholarship Fund, the "For a Brighter Tomorrow" Faculty and Program Enhancement Fund or the Athletic Scholarship Fund. Gifts over $10,000 can be designated to the $10,000 Endowed Scholarship, the $100,000 Fully Endowed Scholarship, the $60,000 Endowed Professorship or the $600,000 Endowed Chair.

Maggio said there are many endowed scholarships available to students and that students can apply at the Alumni Center.

The money endowed for the professorship can be matched by the Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund with $40,000 and the chair money can be matched by the state with $400,000, Maggio said.

All the gifts are tax deductible.



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A sign near the campus' main entrance shows NSU's progress toward reaching its $18.84 million fund-raising goal.

Feds seek increased access to university networks

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

University attorneys are determining if NSU will be affected by a federal order that would allow law enforcement officials easier access to the school's broadband network.

The order would not only require NSU to upgrade its current broadband network but also to perform the upgrades at a cost to itself.

The upgrades would include redesigning the University's network so law enforcement agencies, after providing a court order, are able to log in and monitor network communications or communications by individuals within the network.

Jim McCrory, NSU's director of information systems, said the university is consulting with Baton Rouge-based law firm Decuir, Adams and Clark to determine if NSU is affected by the order.

Educause, a non-profit group protesting the order on behalf of a combined 15 higher education and information technology groups, estimates the upgrades could cost an excess of $7 billion nationwide.

Peter Deblois, Educause director of communication and publishing, said tuition increases of $450 could be likely if facilities-based carriers are forced to comply.

"We are objecting to technology requirements that would require serious changes to infrastructure," Deblois said. "The issue is a huge unfunded mandate costing several million dollars per institution."

Deblois also said law enforcement officials are currently able to monitor university networks on site making the order unnecessary.

The FCC order was issued on Sept. 23 and extended the reach of the 1994 Communications Assistance in Law Enforcement Act.

The Act mandated that after Jan. 1, 1995 all telecommunications providers make their networks accessible to surveillance by law enforcement.

In March 2004 the FBI, DEA and Department of Justice filed a joint petition requesting the FCC to extend the coverage of the Act.

The FCC agreed with law enforcement and extended the act to cover broadband Internet networks and facilities-based networks. Facilities-based networks can include universities, libraries and elementary, middle and high schools.

According to the order, those affected would have 18 months to appeal for exemption status. Those that do comply can petition for reimbursement through the budget of the Attorney General.

In response to the FCC order, th American Council on Educatio filed a petition of review on Oct. 2 with the D.C. Circuit Court Appeals saying the FCC ha "unlawfully and arbitrarily dete mined that facilities-base providers of broadband Interne service are telecommunication providers," and called for the cou to hold the FCC order unlawful.

That petition is still pending.

Professional UFO researcher to present lecture, slideshow

By Kyle Shirley
News Editor

Robert Hastings wants you to know that UFOs are real and the U.S. government is hiding their existence from us.

Hastings, a professional UFO researcher, will present evidence for this claim in a lecture and slideshow Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall.

The presentation, entitled "UFOs: The Hidden History," is the culmination of what Hastings refers to as his "life's work."

"Very few people have studied the subject," Hastings said. "I am one of those people."

Hastings said he developed an interest in UFOs after an unusual event at Malmstrom Air Force Base near Great Falls, Mont. in 1967. Hastings said he was present in an air traffic control tower there that tracked five UFOs on radar for several minutes.

Hastings then began interviewing retired Air Force members who had experienced encounters with UFOs and obtaining declassified government documents on the subject through the Freedom of Information Act.

Hastings decided he had enough evidence to make a convincing case for the existence of UFOs in 1991. He then began giving lectures at universities across the country, and has been doing so ever since. Hastings said he contacts "several hundred" universities every year in an attempt to reach large and diverse audiences.

"University audiences are open to controversial subjects," Hastings said. "Those persons who have an open mind on the subject and are willing to give me the benefit of the doubt... are very impressed.

"There are always a few skeptics who have their minds made up that UFOs do not exist, and of course I have no effect on those people. That's life."

Hastings said part of his presentation focuses on UFO sightings over nuclear weapon sites. He said these incidents have coincided with unusual phenomena, such as equipment failure, at these sites.

Hastings said he will also offer information on Web sites and other sources people can use to decide for themselves whether UFOs are real.

"I am not a missionary. I'm not seeking to convert people into believers," Hastings said.

The presentation is free and open to the public.

Lifelong Learning Center reopens

By Lela Coker
Sauce Reporter

Nontraditional students have a place to call their own. The Lifelong Learning Center offers nontraditional students a place to go between classes to use computers, watch television or do schoolwork.

"It is another place nontraditional students can call home away from home," Assistant Director of Student Activities and Organizations Yonna Pasch said. "The room is still in a populated area but without all the noise."

The Lifelong Learning Center is located next to the elevator on the second floor of the Student Union. The room is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

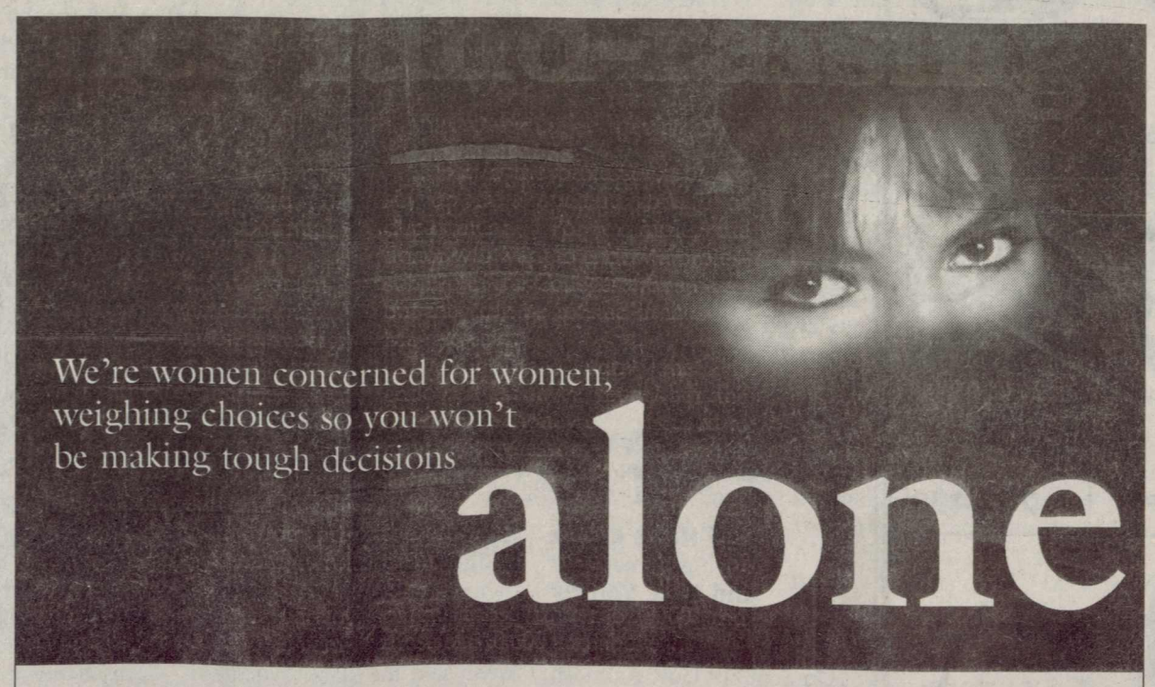
Vicki Nichols, a student who commutes from Alexandria, said, "I carpool with other girls to school so I have a few hours in between classes so I go to the Lifelong Learning Center. It's pretty subtle and people respect each other in here. It is really handy."

The center is intended to offer students a quiet place to retreat and relax during breaks between classes.

"The center was established for the nontraditional students, but any student that paid the technology fee can enjoy the center," Pasch said.

The center appeals to commuter students, as well as students who need a place to go between and before classes.

Student technology fees pay for the equipment, upkeep and student workers.



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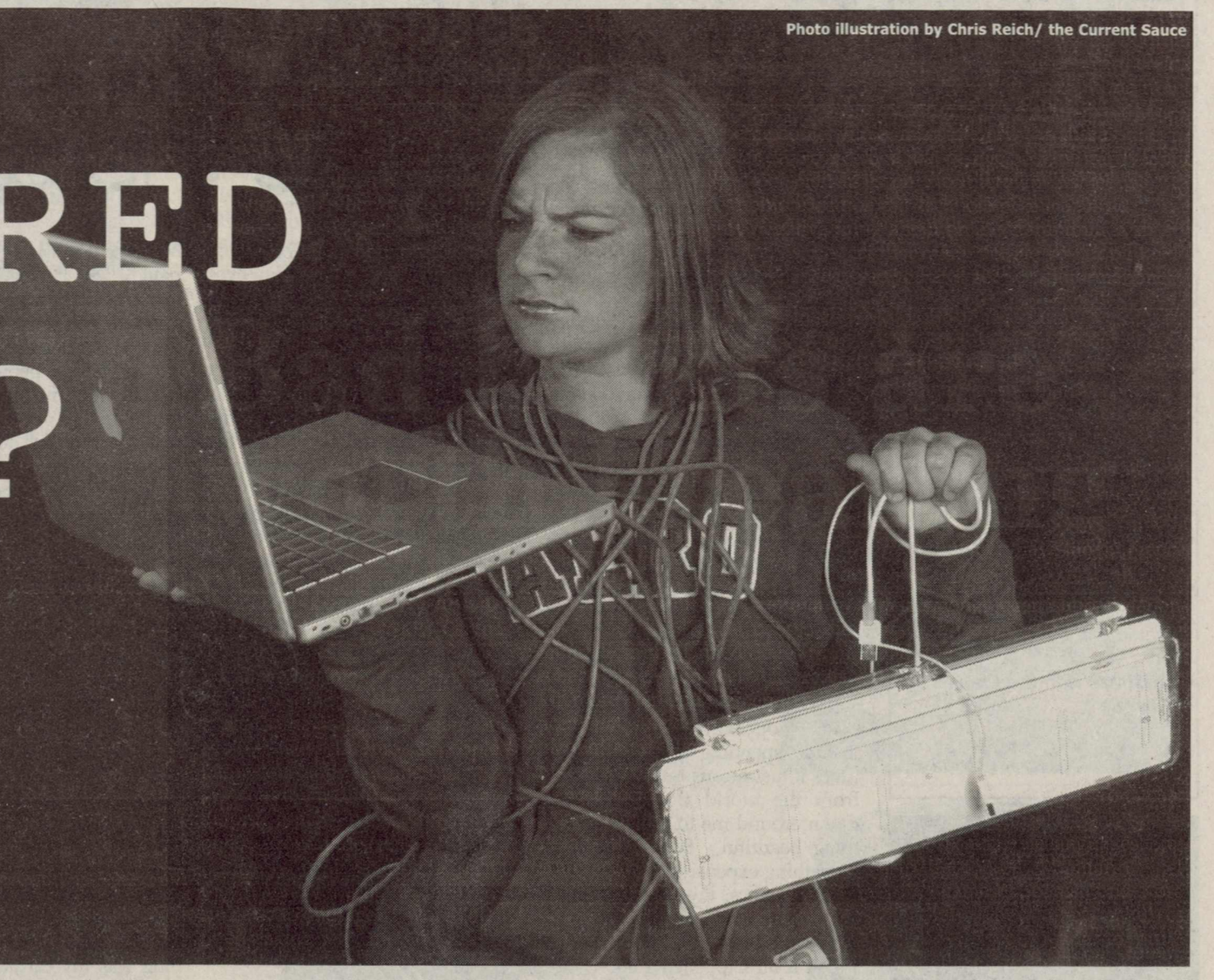
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How WIRED are you?



By Kelli Fontenot
Sauce Reporter

Students who want to meet people at NSU who share an interest in reggae music, a love for Dane Cook, or a hatred for fire alarms at 2 a.m. may find that the perfect community for them lies on the Internet. The only requirement is a college e-mail address.

There are many Internet communities for college students to be found; however, the latest rage in Web communication would most likely be Facebook.

Before Facebook was introduced in February 2004, colleges published books, similar to yearbooks, filled with college students' pictures, interests, and lists of student organizations.

Facebook was designed by Mark Zuckerberg, Chris Hughes and Dustin Moskovitz to help students make new friends and receive up-to-date information about on-campus organizations and events. On the site, NSU's art shows and concerts are advertised so that those in Facebook's "People that Don't Go Home Every Weekend" group will have something to do on Saturday afternoons.

The Web site also allows students to keep in touch with friends that are attending other colleges.

Leslea Traylor, a freshman Music Education major, said, "Facebook enables me to talk with the people I grew up with in my home state. I am too busy to call all of these people, so Facebook allows me to still keep in touch with those I care about."

Students can conduct a global search for people with certain interests listed in their profiles. This provides the opportunity to meet people from different backgrounds—even from different countries.

Sophomore accounting major Jared Kutz said, "Facebook connects us to people we otherwise couldn't meet. I met an Arabian…nicknamed Ebon because I can't pronounce or spell his real name."

While Facebook offers a wide variety of functions to its users, those looking to keep an online journal must look elsewhere. Online domains such as Xanga, Myspace and Livejournal provide a free public journal.

Myspace is similar to Facebook but is not limited to college students. The Myspace server allows its clients to display up to ten images and to post unlimited weblog entries.

Backgrounds, colorful fonts and images can also be used to personalize the Web site. Users can communicate with each other through the site's instant-messaging service, its e-mail service and through comments that can be left on both profile pages and in response to images.

While Facebook and Myspace are generally used as tools for meeting and communicating with friends, Livejournal and Xanga are primarily online journals. Users can determine who has access to their journal entries by making them public, private or allowing friends or groups of friends access.

Livejournal and Xanga also allow image hosting. Users with free Livejournal accounts can use, and alternate between, up to three user pictures. Those with paid accounts can use more.

Also, like Facebook, Livejournal users can create and maintain communities where people with similar interests can discuss them.

Some are concerned that people post too much about their personal lives on the Internet. Ashlee Gary, a sophomore radiologic technology major, said, "The only negative thing about online communities, in my opinion, is the fact that many people you don't know have a chance to see you and get your information."



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Ebony & Ivory

Interracial couples at NSU living in perfect harmony

By EmmaLee Tingle
Contributing Writer

Tiffany Pennywell and Damien Marcantel are in love.

She is a junior music education major and he is a sophomore computer information systems major. They met at NSU through mutual friends and have been dating for more than a year.

Sounds like any other NSU couple, doesn't it?

Sure, but when you add in that they are an interracial couple, it should change things, right?

Not one bit.

Tiffany is African American and Damien is Caucasian and both say that race has never been an issue in dating.

"I date whoever I can find a common bond with, whoever I can get along with," said Tiffany.

The couple says their families and friends are supportive of the relationship. Strangers can be a different story, but usually aren't. Although Damien has received some unpleasant comments, he says people are usually kind.

"The majority of the time, it's 'Oh how cute,'" he said. "It's not really that much of a problem."

For Tiffany and Damien, the experience has been a good one, and they plan on continuing the experience "'till death do us part."

Damien recently proposed to Tiffany and they plan to marry sometime next year. When asked if there were ways their marriage would function differently than partners of the same race, Damien said, "I really don't think it would function any differently. It's just a normal relationship and a normal marriage."

"With slightly different backgrounds," added Tiffany, referring not only to family differences, but to heritage as well.

Tiffany and Damien plan on having children in the future, and they plan to teach their children both sides of their heritage. Neither of them foresees a major problem raising their children that way.

"I always go by that old saying that 'As long as you love a person it doesn't really matter where they come from or who they are,'" said Damien. "If you love them, that's all that matters, and if you want to spend the rest of your life with them, that's your decision, not anyone else's."

Bad habits are worth breaking

By Anh Do
KRT Campus

Call a stop-smoking hotline?

Talk to someone else.

That's the reaction -- again and again -- when I approach people I know constantly lighting up.

I see them huddle. Smoking. Before lunch. After lunch. On break. Around the clock.

Eagerly, as if sharing a secret, they lean in for a flame, then sit back to indulge. I worry, often asking why they do it, not wanting to see them harmed.

The majority of Asian Pacific Islanders pick up the habit as young adults. Nearly half of the general smoking population starts between the ages of 18 and 21, according to the California Department of Health Services.

Giao Pham, 35, has been puffing since the first day he arrived on campus when he was 18years old.

"It's official, you're an adult now," an upperclassmen told Pham, a mechanical engineering major at Polytechnic University of Saigon. "This is to celebrate."

At first he coughed and coughed, dragging on Jets, Thai cigarettes.

But he stuck to it.

"Everyone around me was smoking. It was a big deal, a reward for having gotten to college at a time when getting to college was very significant," he recalls. "Keep in mind that we were in a school with 400 men versus five women. And the men smoked."

"I can handle it," Pham, of Westminster, Calif., says. In his family, it's the in thing _ with his dad, with his brothers, with all his pals.

Same with Mark Park of Irvine, Calif., addicted for a dozen years and in keeping with other 20-something who think they are invincible _ even as 435,000 people die annually in the United States from tobacco use. Consider: Cigarettes kill more men and women than car accidents, suicide, homicide, AIDS, alcohol and illegal drugs combined, according to the American Cancer Society.

Park is part of the 39.1 percent of Asians who smoke every day -- compared with 29.5 percent of whites -- according to a report from the Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum. And it's as natural to him as shaving.



Courtesy KRT Campus

"I like the feeling that you always have something to turn to, a ritual," he notes. "Several times in the morning, and the evening. I can quit any time I want to. I don't need any help."

Brave words. I don't believe them.

The California Smokers' Helpline averages 2,988 calls a month _ nearly 8 percent coming from Asians _ and they're pushing to reach more. Koreans call the most, 28.6 percent, statistics show.

This fits with the state's research that among Asian subpopulations in 2002, people of Korean descent had the highest smoking prevalence rate: 19.8 percent, followed by Japanese with 14.6 percent, Filipino with 12.6 percent and Chinese with 8.8 percent.

Once someone hooks up to (800) NO-BUTTS, he or she is matched up with a counselor who speaks one of six available languages: English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Spanish and Korean. They offer resources. "Are you ready to quit?" they immediately ask.

If not, materials are sent to encourage the individual to think about it, seriously.

If yes, there is counseling. An initial session lasts nearly 40 minutes, followed by reading guides, followed by more calls, 10-15 minutes, when the smoker is relapse-sensitive.

"I'm very passionate about interacting and making sure we're behind them," says Marilyn de la Cruz, outreach specialist. She tried inhaling once, in high school, didn't jive with it, plus her "father ruled with an iron fist and smoking was absolutely not permitted."

She and her co-workers try to get their clients "to see the realistic consequences behind smoking in their individual lives," set target goals and, most importantly, a quit date. Asians, particularly Koreans, are keen on immediate results but "we let them know that becoming a nonsmoker is a process," de la Cruz and her specialists say.

Pham isn't convinced that anyone can convince him. The young are hard to sway, he says. "A mother and father have no influence. "And cigarettes," he adds, "they're a perfect complement to coffee."

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Fashionable Focus

Shopping as therapy

Each one of us deals with life's little ups and downs in our own way.

Some of us choose to deal with our problems negatively. This might mean ignoring everyone one sight, staying in bed all day long or snapping bitterly at random passersby. Others might deal with their dilemmas by keeping busy with exercise, schoolwork or sticking closely to friends.

Know how I deal with my problems? You guessed it—shopping.

Now, you might be thinking at this moment that I must have some super high credit card bills if I have to buy something every time the slightest little glitch arises (and some of you might be right); however, shopping doesn't always include spending money. Sometimes it just means taking time out from the world that's crashing down around me to look at something beautiful. Something fun. Something expensive!

For instance, my boyfriend of three years and love of my life recently broke up with me. When it all happened I felt completely distraught, lost and unbelievably confused. Everything that I had held so near and dear to my heart for so long had just spit in my face, and it felt horrible.

Just when I felt like my life had come to its bitter end, I decided that this was definitely something I would overcome and eventually move on with. The only problem was, I didn't really know what to put all my nervous and angry energy into. So there I am, lying on the floor in my bedroom, wishing I could just close my eyes and wake up from this terrible nightmare, when I realized that I had better things to do.

I immediately began to make a plan. I was going to start a work-out program, diet and regain the thing I had lost track of during the last three years—my self-esteem.

Working out and dieting (with the help of my wonderful roommates) really helped. I started feeling good about myself again and started laughing and smiling for the first time in a long while. Things were going really well at this point, but I knew I wasn't doing something. I knew that there was something else I could be doing that would help "ease my pain." So I called my spiritual leader and had her make an appointment at the temple for me--the spiritual leader being my mom and my temple being the mall.



Courtesy KRT Campus

That weekend I went home and my mom laid out the ground rules for our journey to Mecca (also known as the Louisiana Boardwalk). These rules consisted of: window shop or browse around the entire mall before buying anything (so as not to purchase on impulse), purchasing only those items that were extremely classic, unique or needed, and taking frequent breaks (to regain strength and to take in sustenance to keep us going—shopping gets tiring!)

At the end of the day we came home and compared our "finds" and argued over who got the better deals that day. It was great!

It's sad, I know, but shopping really is therapeutic for me. Not only did it take my mind off of all the crap going on in my life; shopping was my cardio! And I have the blisters to prove it too!

It has been almost two months since my breakup and I think that I am doing great. I'm staying busy, taking care of business and cherishing the important things in life. But every once in a while, I get a little depressed from thinking about "him." And that's when I either hop on-line to NeimanMarcus.com or take a short little trip to Wal-Mart. It might not sound like much and my bank account might be low, but shopping therapy definitely keeps me away from the shrink—until I come to terms with my shopping addiction!

But that's a completely different column!

iPods: why should iCare?



By Chris Reich
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White ear buds. Silhouette ads. U2, Madonna, Gorrilaz. $.99 a song. What do all of these have in common? Well, unless you have been living under a rock for the last few years, the iPod comes to mind. But what is it about the iPod that makes so many people wish they had one?

Online Music store compatibility

Well, for starters, it's much easier to carry around hundreds of songs in your back pocket than in a CD binder. CDs are becoming outdated by current technology.

How many readers, I wonder, buy a new CD, listen to it in the car on the way home, only to put it in their computer and never use the CD again? I did, so I stopped buying CDs completely. I just use the iTunes music store for a CD I want. It's a lot cheaper, and takes up less space than jewel cases.

Car-Audio Integration

Many of you drive older cars; ones where the CD player has stopped playing CD-Rs. My Jeep did, so I started looking into alternatives.

I wanted an iPod for a long time, so that was my first option. A new car stereo was the second.

I decided on the iPod in the end. The ability to listen to all my music on the road or walking around campus was the biggest selling point. It is nice to not have to fumble through CDs while driving (and a lot safer), plus, going for a long drive and making a new play list on my computer before leaving is much easier when there is no burning of CDs involved.



Courtesy apple.com

Extra Benefits

When is the last time you saw a microphone attachment made for a CD player? What about using a CD player to store music and data?

These are all different things that the iPods can do. The new big deal is the ability to play videos on the iPod itself. This requires the newest full-size iPod, the iPod video. Episodes of Desperate Housewives, Lost and Pixar shorts are available, as well as music videos. All priced at $1.99.

It just works!

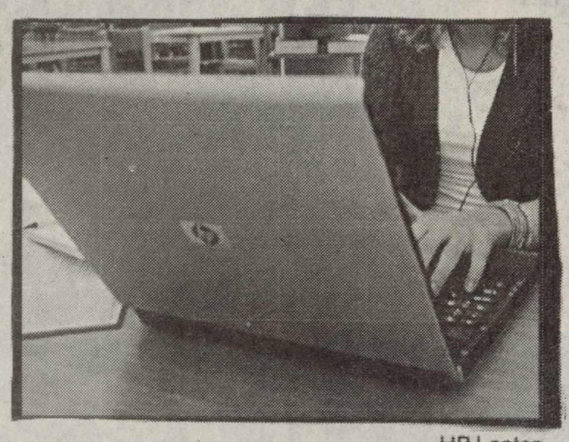
This is the biggest selling point out of everything that has been listed. The ability of a consumer electronic to just work out of the box is a wonderful thing. Not having to fudge with settings in the computer or a ton of menus on the device itself allow the user to use it, not fight with it.

I love my iPod, and everyone I know loves theirs as well. Apple.com has a ton of information about each of the 3 types of iPods, as well as a comparison chart so you can find the iPod that fits your needs as well as your price range.

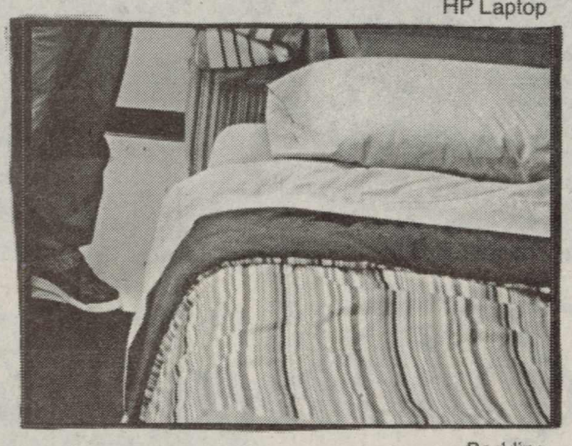
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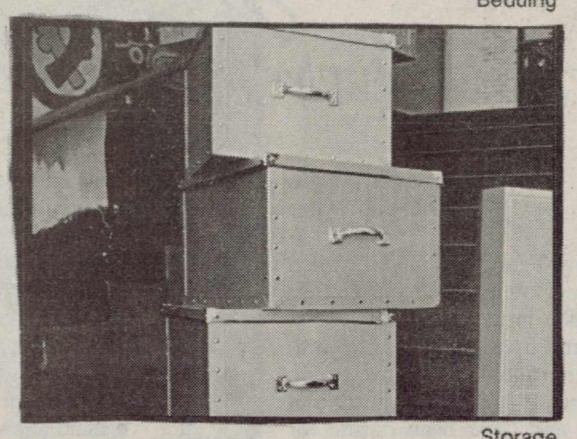




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Resurrections: *Posthumous albums revive legendary artists*



By Ashley Pierce
Opinions Editor

"There never seems to be enough time/
To do the things you want to do/
Once you find them/
I've looked around enough to know"

--From Jim Croce's "Time In A Bottle"

These are eerily prophetic words coming from Jim Croce, a folk singer/songwriter who died in a plane crash in Natchitoches just after playing a free concert at NSU. Although Croce had put out several albums at the time of his death, he had not found stardom. His last performance, a mix of storytelling and singing, was reported to be brilliant, but he was not called to do an encore or approached by hysterical fans. His closing comment was, "See you later." Croce would never play again.

Since his death, countless re-issues, compilations, and tribute albums have been released. It seems that Croce's true success came posthumously, an occurence not uncommon in the music industry. Here's our list of some of the best posthumously released albums, including Croce's Photographs & Memories:

Jim Croce, Photographs & Memories: His Greatest Hits (Atlantic/Wea, 1995)

Jim Croce's music and personality definitely represented a dichotomy—sometimes he played up the gritty, mustachioed construction worker persona, and other times he was a sentimental fool. These were not really characters, however-- Croce was unapologetically both. While Jim Croce is usually remembered for songs like "Bad, Bad Leroy Brown" and "You Don't Mess Around With Jim," this collection showcases some of his best ballads, most notably "Time in a Bottle."

Recommended tracks: Bad, Bad Leroy Brown, Time In a Bottle, Operator.

If you like this, you might like: Joni Mitchell, James Taylor, Bob Dylan, Cat Stevens

Elliott Smith, from a basement on the hill (Anti, 2004)

Elliott Smith, loved by cult fans and critics alike for his gloomy, introspective songwriting, died in Los Angeles in October 2003. While the official coroner's report lists Smith's death as a suicide (self-inflicted stab wounds, ahoy!), some fans and family members believe his death was a homicide. In 2004, indie record label Anti Records released from a basement on the hill, a collection of songs Smith was working on while on his Figure 8 tour, in addition to several songs he was working on in his own studio, New Monkey, before his death. The album's design features Smith's trademark handwriting and photographs taken by close friends and family members, including sister Ashley Welch.

Recommended tracks: Pretty (Ugly Before), Twilight, King's Crossing,

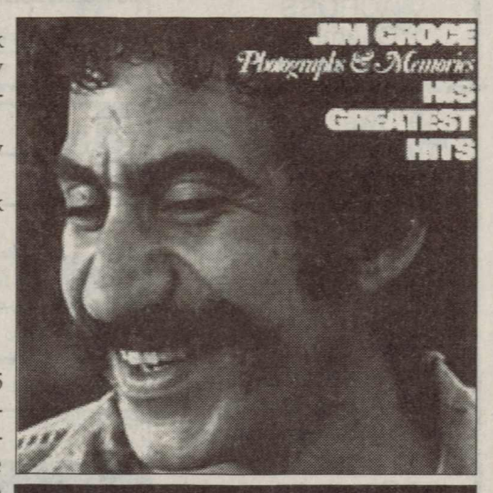
If you like this, you might like: Nick Drake, Bright Eyes, Wilco, Iron & Wine

Nirvana, Unplugged in New York (Geffen, 1994)

Nirvana frontman Kurt Cobain's 1995 suicide was perhaps one of the most publicized deaths in the past century. Iconoclastic grunge kings, Nirvana transformed the music industry in the 90s and continues to influence popular music today. Unplugged features acoustic Nirvana classics like "Polly" and "About A Girl," but the strongest tracks are—surprise—covers. Through brilliant versions of David Bowie's, "The Man Who Sold The World," and Leadbelly's, "Where Did You Sleep Last Night," Nirvana proves that they can take any song and transform it into their own.

Recommended tracks: Plateau, Where Did You Sleep Last Night, About A Girl, The Man Who Sold The World, Something In the Way

If you like this, you might like: Pixies, The Beatles, The Melvins, Meat Puppets, Beck, REM.







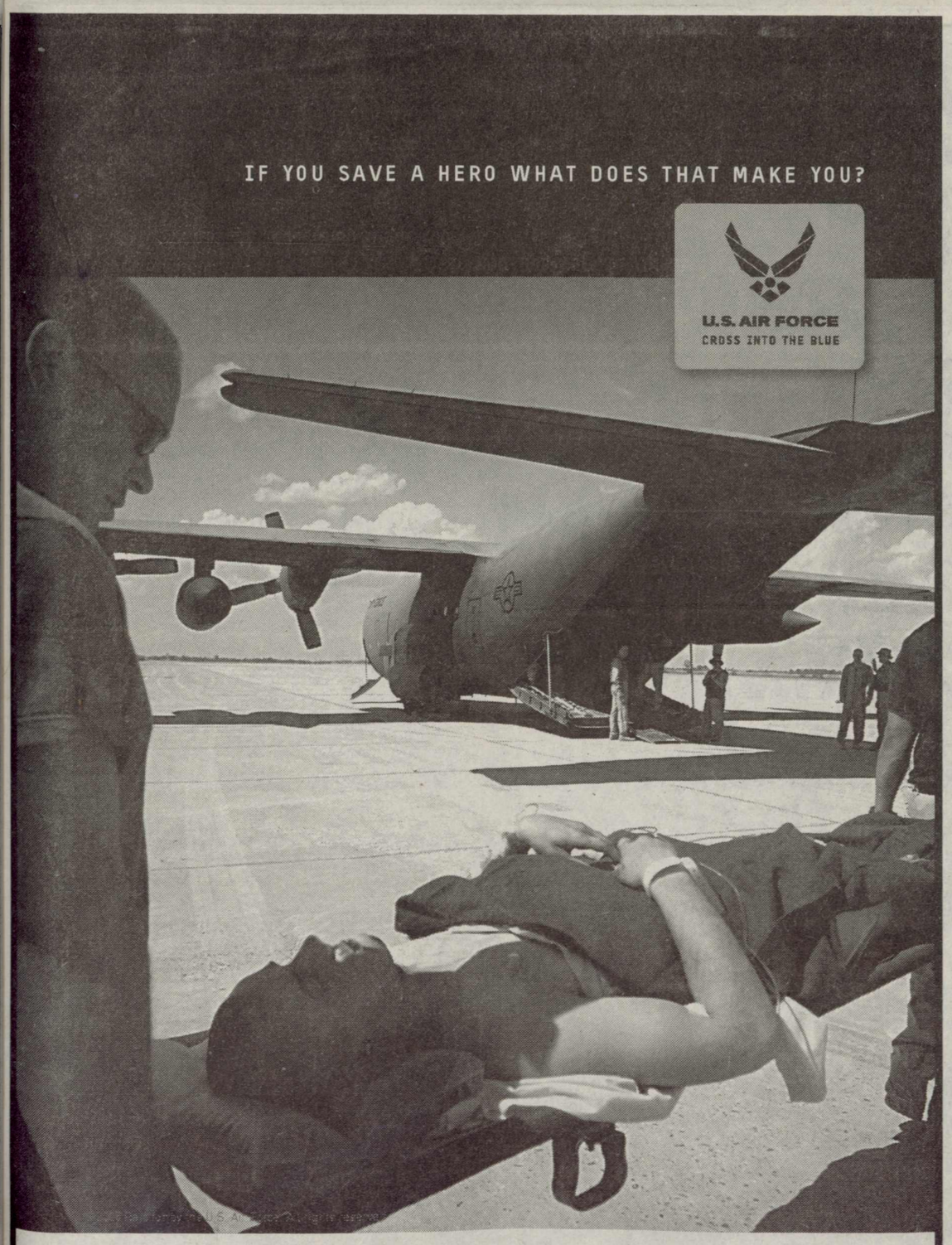
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The effects of the cut on specific university departments are still unclear. For now, Webb said the university is simply asking departments to make spending cuts as best they can. Departments that raise money on their own, such as athletics, will have to work harder to raise more money in the event that the cuts affect them.

Webb said Blanco has scheduled a special legislative session to begin on Nov. 6, and the session may last through Thanksgiving.

Carl Jones, vice president for business affairs, said, "We'll have more of an idea about the freeze after the special session and hope to get long and short term information, so we can make some… decisions."

Webb said, "I wish higher education would not have to bear a significant cut because providing and educating citizens is vital to the recovery effort."

Webb said NSU is also filing for reimbursement from FEMA since the campus housed refugees from the storms.

"This will cover damages and repairs that might have to be made. We don't know whether we'll get it or not," Webb said.

PROVOST FROM PAGE 1

• He said that students are most important to him, and if he became provost he would "make sure academic programs are the highest quality possible."

Linda Rae Markert, Ph.D.

• Currently dean of the school of education, SUNY at Oswego, N.Y. and has served teaching and administrative positions in the department of technology at SUNY and San Jose State University.

• Is very impressed with NSU's faculty, programs and satellite campuses. She also liked how NSU was connected to the community, as well as stressing the importance of professional programs along with liberal arts.

• If she becomes provost, her focus will primarily be student retention. "I think there's a concern here with the level of student retention freshman to sophomore year," Markert said. "I think it's a real concern. As provost, I would want to find out what the reasons are that they're not coming back."

• "As provost, what I need to do for faculty, students and staff is instill hope and inspire confidence," she said.

M.L. Mitchell, Ph.D.

• Has served in administrative positions at Bethany College, Kan. and Medaille College, N.Y. These include dean, vice president for academic affairs and provost and interim president.

• As provost, he would be focused on student learning, establishing relationships, recruitment and retention of students and the assessment of academic programs.

• "The first thing that's important is to get to know the people," Mitchell said.

• Has been a professor for 25 years, as well as a dean, vice president for academic affairs, and provost for seven.

• "I've been through and weathered all kinds of problems," he said. "I have interest and energy to make things happen."

Thomas Hanson, Ph.D.

• Currently NSU's acting provost and vice president for academic affairs and has also served as dean of the graduate school, director of information systems and professor of mathematics at NSU.

• As provost, he would attempt to "provide the best academic experience you (students) could possibly have," Hanson said.

• Wants more opportunities of success for students after graduation.

• "I would like all of our programs to be award winning," he said.

Even though Hanson has served as NSU's provost for the last year, since his term ends in December, the university was required to conduct a national search for possible candidates.

"We will consider him (Hanson) and the other candidates closely," Webb said.

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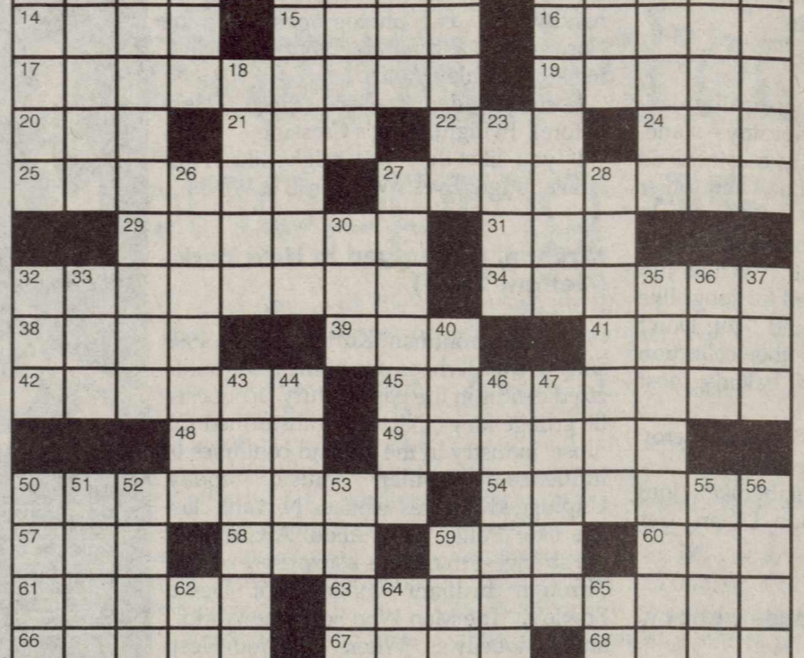
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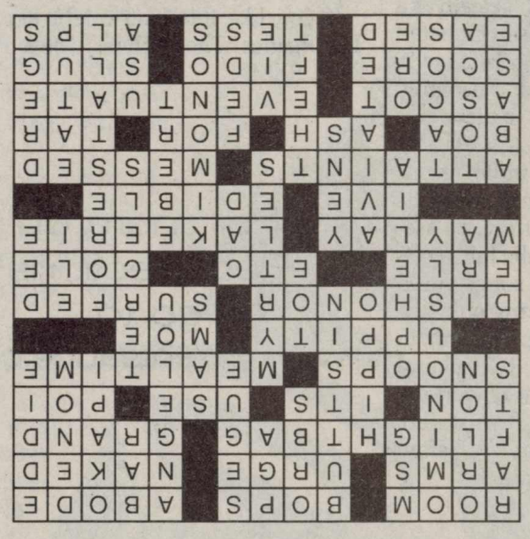
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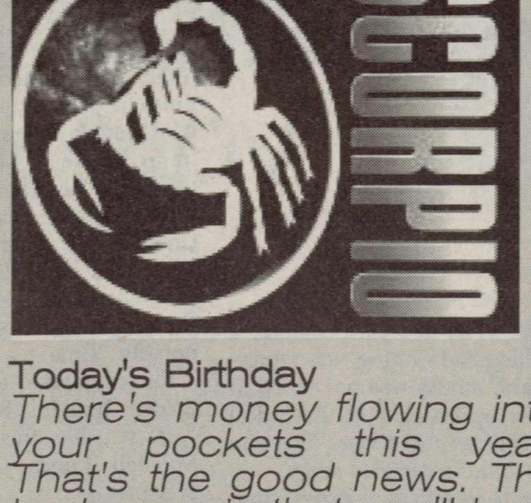
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Horoscopes



Thursday, November 3, 2005

Today's Birthday
There's money flowing into your pockets this year. That's the good news. The bad news is that you'll have a tendency to squander. Resist that temptation.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Travel beckons, and this time it's worth your while to check it out. You'll discover amazing things out there, much to your delight.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
You'll discover lots of new ways to save money over the next day or two. Everyone wants to barter, so hold out for the very best deal.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
One of your favorite conversationalists has a lovely idea. Encourage it _ don't argue. That would be counter-productive.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
More work coming in. More confusion, too. Set up a new routine and make things go more smoothly.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
True love will prevail again, much to your delight. A bold suggestion is apt to be merrily encouraged.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
The odds are high that your place is a mess. If it isn't, it will be, soon. It could be you, tossing things out, doing your November cleaning.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Ask questions, and you're apt to make an interesting discovery. Be bold talking about anything except money.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
There's a lot of money coming in. The challenge is to hold onto it. Learn the value of what you have.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Now's the time to suggest the changes you believe will work. You've got a charming, charismatic style.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Get things arranged behind the scenes, so you'll be able to move quickly. You want everything to fall the right way when you give it a shove.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
The tension is broken. The adversaries get interested in other things. They may not ever know you helped, but if you cared, you did.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
People who have lofty ideas actually need your help. Point out things you see that they haven't noticed, yet.

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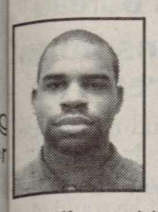
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College costs rise; Financial aid slumps



Raymond Billy, Jr
Sauce Columnist

College tuition is rising at a faster rate than financial aid, creating an increasingly burdensome experience for students. According to the College Board -- a non-profit institution that monitors statistics relative to higher education -- tuition and fees at public universities have risen at rates of 7.1 percent, 10 percent and 13 percent over the last three years respectively, while aid has increased only 3 percent over the past two years.

This lack of financial support will force students to work more and rely more heavily on college loans. As a result, we are entering an era in which students from middle-class families will not be able to enjoy the college experience, at least not as much as in the past.

Work will eliminate the idea that college is not only meant to be an academic education, but a social education as well.

Pre-occupation with part-time jobs will cut into time that students would normally spend developing relationships with friends and participating in campus social activities. Students will spend less time eating burgers at the frat house and more time flipping burgers at Huddle House.

Focusing solely on academics and work is not healthy, and I believe that society will see negative ramifications if students continue to shoulder so much financial hardship.

Many students will not be able to rely on their parents for additional support because the exorbitant costs of healthcare, gas, and home heating are already crushing the American middle-class.

As a result, individual students will be hurt for the reasons mentioned earlier. Society will be damaged for the same reasons, and because people will bypass careers geared toward public service in favor of occupations that will help them to put a significant dent in college debt as soon as they enter the workforce.

Chris Diaz -- who, in 2001, was a sophomore at St. Mary's University majoring in political science -- said that loan debt may force him to forgo his dream of becoming an educator, or at least put it on hold.

"I want to go back to my old neighborhood and teach, but I don't know if I can afford to do that if I have to pay back a hefty loan," said Diaz, who was 20 years old when he spoke to the San Antonio Express-News nearly five years ago. And this was before college cost increases went into overdrive.

Social workers are another group of historically underpaid public servants. According to the Washington Post, more than 15 percent of the District of Columbia's caseworkers quit in the first three quarters of fiscal year 2004, a number that the city's Child and Family Services Agency attributes to the combination of low wages and college debt.

"We're in a field where the pay is not as high as in other fields, but the education qualifications are high," said caseworker Catherine Howard of D.C. when she spoke to the Washington Post last year.

> "Students will spend less time eating burgers at the frat house and more time flipping burgers at Huddle House."

Last year D.C.'s Child and Family Services Agency, aided by $3 million in federal funds, created a program to pay off its social workers' debt starting after they have served on the job for three years.

While this is a noble step by the federal government, it would not be necessary if only Congress would increase aid to college students.

But, not only has Congress failed to take this measure, they have also cut aid to many students, a change that took effect at the beginning of this fall semester.

More than one million students are now receiving smaller Pell Grants and tens of thousands more have had aid cut completely.

Congressional leaders have claimed these cuts will allow the federal government to save money --by cutting funds to some students from middle and working-class families -- while at the same time, increasing aid to the poorest students.

But the fiscal-responsibility excuse has little credibility considering the amount of pork-barrel spending that has taken place in Congress this year.

The federal government will reportedly save $300 million because of the student aid cuts, a significant amount to be sure.

However, in the Transportation Equity Act of 2005, Congress appropriated $223 million for a bridge in Alaska that has been hailed as the "Bridge to Nowhere" because it connects one tiny town to an even tinier island.

The number of people that were served by this money is far fewer than the number of college students that could have been relieved of a tremendous financial burden with the same dollars.

Unfortunately, the feds were too busy eating pork to realize how duplicitous this highway bill would make them look, and millions of students will have to suffer the financial consequences.

The U.S. cannot have a successful future unless we invest in her academic present. I'm not saying that the federal government should take care of all of a student's financial need.

However, Congress should contribute enough that a student doesn't feel the need to log more work hours than credit hours to avoid being buried by college loan debt.

Free web? No way.

Edward Wasserman
The Miami Herald (KRT)

The notion that Internet content is generally "free" is one of the cyberworld's most cherished lies. In fact, Internet economics is complex and bizarre.

It consists of overlapping levels of subsidy, direct payment and covert transfers, along with under-the-table bribes to Web users for personal information most of us don't know we're giving up. But free it's not.

One way or the other, somebody's always paying. Usually, that's you. A great deal of content is funded through straight-up subsidy. Stories, weblogs, commentary _ much is produced by people whose day jobs spill over onto the Web.

If the authors are freelancers, they are providing uncompensated labor. This column may be picked up by any number of blogs and read by people who pay nothing for it.

They think it's free; it's not. It costs me plenty, in time and sweat. In these cases, it's the content producers who do the paying.

If the content is posted by media organizations on "free" sites, the online audience may not pay, but the offline audience does.

The cost is reflected in the subscription price or the ad rates charged for, say, the newspaper's print edition. One set of customers is likely paying to inform and amuse another set of customers, one of the less charming features of "free" cyberspace.

More and more content is funded by stealth: furtive marketing devices that enable audiences to be identified, targeted and hit with sales messages. The keywords you plug into your Google search _ Google auctions them to advertisers to get their pop-ups alongside the search results.

Your Web-based e-mail _ it's paid for by marketers who buy the right to scan messages for tell-tales that qualify you as a potential customer so they can put ads on your screen. Are those services "free"?

True, you're don't pay with cash. But you do pay, with precisely the same things you normally sell for dollars _ your time and attention. This isn't a trick of language. It's important to realize that all of these models are systems of payment, which extract costs from someone and confer benefits on someone, often someone else.

Somebody's always paying. Print subscribers pay for services used by online readers. Consumers of advertised products pay, through their purchases, for Web sites. Forget ``free.''

The problem is that none of them offers a clean, logical way to do what markets are supposed to do: Enable buyers to pay sellers for what they use and to ensure that content producers are compensated by the people who benefit from their creations.

The ideal would be an arrangement in which producers are rewarded for the value they create. That is tough to measure, but quantifying value is exactly what markets do.

It would be reflected in the numbers of people who read or view the content, and that would be only part of the picture. Specialized content of intense interest to fewer people would command higher prices.

So pay rates would have flexibility. Such are the broad lines of an Internet content market. Producers would be credited when their content was downloaded.

They could code their content, setting a price. If the work originates with a news organization, its account would receive the micro-payments.

Hence, the system would be engineered to register not only charges but credits, since Internet users are often information sources. If you upload content viewed by others, you'd benefit from offsets against your usage.

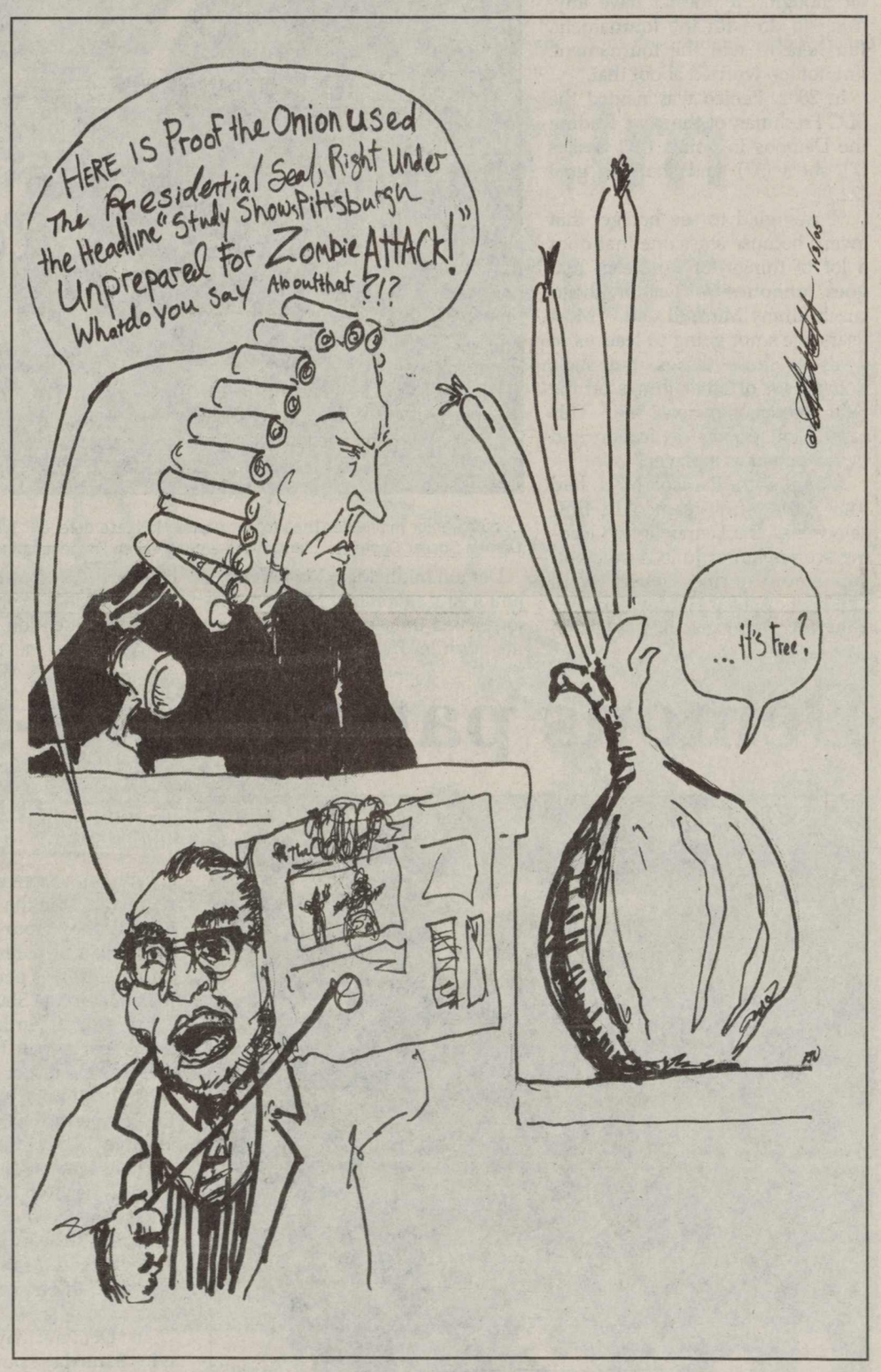
You'd be not only a paying customer, you'd be a paid producer. At the end of the month, along with your other utility bills, you'd be charged directly for your Internet activity.

And the producers of content that you used would be paid for the value they created _ not for the advertisers or employers they helped feed. This would require assembling a generalized payment system.

But standardization wouldn't be any tougher than the Web protocols or domain naming systems that have long been in use, and the technical sophistication couldn't be any greater than the diabolically complex wizardry that is used right now to track, record, compile and resell all kinds of data about what you do online.

It may be fanciful, but the alternative isn't pretty. That's what we're lurching toward now, a costly system of producer subjugation wholly dominated by the goals of sales and manipulation, arrayed under the banner of freedom.

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SLC Tourney Time

By Justin Hebert
Sports Editor

The Demon Soccer Team led all Southland schools with seven 2005 All-Conference selections and senior midfielder Heather Penico netted SLC Player of the Year honors. With the regular season over, NSU (11-5-1 overall, 6-1 in SLC) now prepares for the SLC Championship Tournament that kicks off today at the Demon Soccer Complex.

Penico, the Demon's offensive captain, ranked fourth in the conference with 45 shots, fifth in shots per game with 2.65, and seventh in goals with six in her senior season.

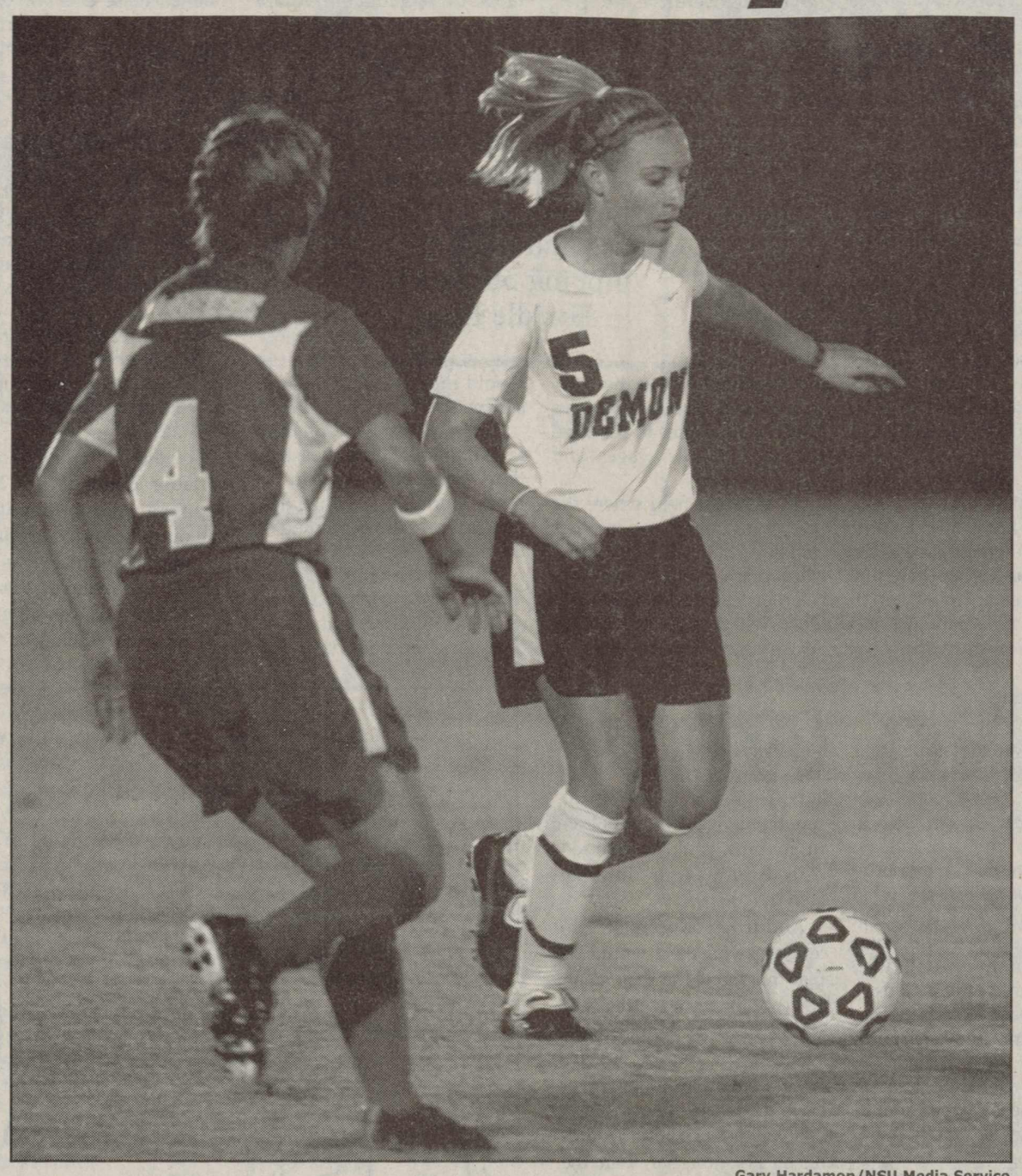
"I think that's great but I think that its also great that more people on our team made the all-conference list than any other team in conference," Penico said. "Even though we didn't win conference, it says something about what the other coach say about our team."

"I don't want to think about it at all though. It doesn't have anything to do with the tournament. I'm here to win the tournament. I'm not too worried about that."

In 2002, Penico was named the SLC Freshman of the Year, leading the Demons in points (21), assists (7), shots (37), and shots on goal (22.)

"I was glad to see her get that award because she's one that does a lot of things for our team that goes unnoticed," Demon head coach Jimmy Mitchell said. "Most years she's not going to lead us in goals or those things, but she's doing a lot of other things on the field that people don't see. This says a lot for her dedication and development as a player."

Along with Penico, NSU had four other first-team ALL-SLC selections, the Demon's two leading scorers junior Julie Zavala and sophomore Erin Hebert, and defenders Ashley Hadley and Tara Pawosnik, who was NSU's defensive captain.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service
Demon senior midfielder tries to get past a McNeese defender Friday in NSU's 2-1 overtime win over the Cowgirls at the Demon Soccer Complex. Penico was among seven Demons name to the All-SLC team and was the SLC Player of the Year.

Demon midfielders Mya Walsh, a junior and Stephanie Miller, a senior picked up second-team honors, meanwhile freshman midfielder Hannah Casey and goalkeeper Johnna Klohoker were selected for honorable mention.

"We've got a really talented group and I think our group has a really high work ethic," Mitchell said. "You're glad to see them get rewarded for that. Sometimes when we don't play well we play hard, and that's why I think we've been able to be successful as a team. Sometimes people don't always get recognized for that and I think it says a lot for them."

NSU received a first round bye in the conference tourney and will play Friday at 7 p.m. in the semifinal as the No. 2 seed in the tournament. Regular season conference champs and No.1 seed Stephen F. Austin (14-3, 7-0) also received a bye straight to the semifinal round.

The Demons will take on the winner of Thursday's match-up between No. 3 Texas State (8-9, 5-2) and No. 6 McNeese State (5-10-1, 2-4-1) 2 p.m. While the Ladyjacks of SFA will be preparing for the winner of Thursday's first round game between No. 4 Sam Houston State (3-11-1, 3-3-1) and No. 5 Louisiana-Monroe (9-8-2, 2-3-2) which gets the tournament rolling at 11:30 a.m.

Friday the Demons made a late comeback to push their game with McNeese to overtime and won 2-1 on Lauren Miller's goal to remain unbeaten at home in their regular season finale.

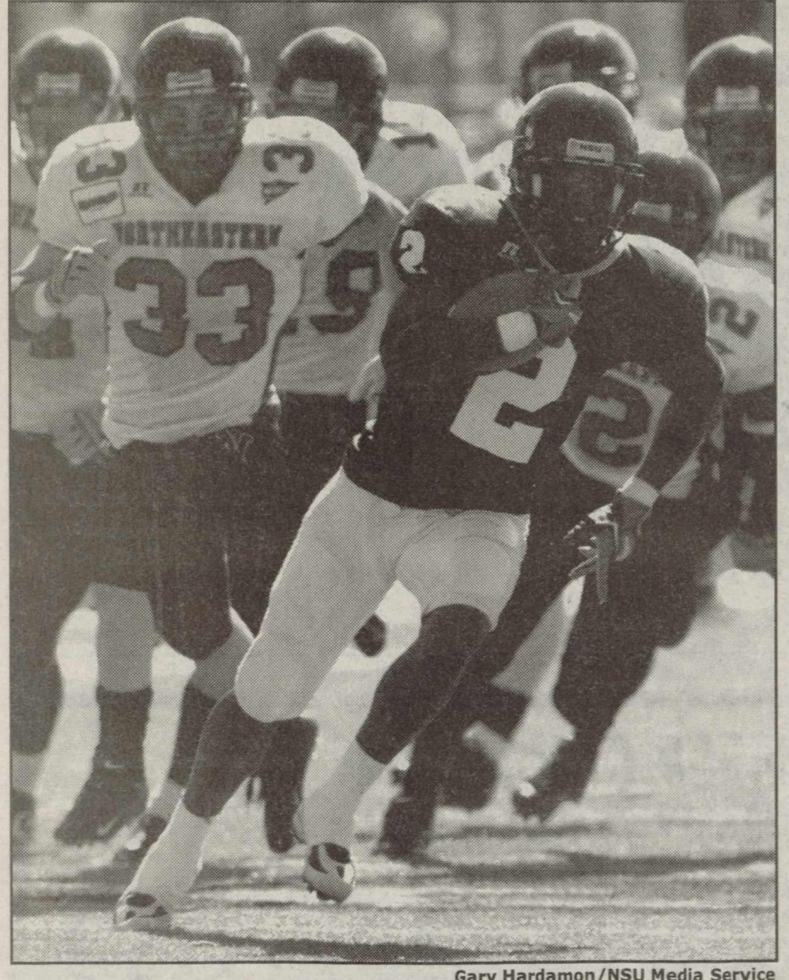
"The game meant nothing as far as the conference standings went," Mitchell said. "It was really important though because we wanted to be able to defend our field. It was good to see them get that excited."

The other team NSU could possibly face in the semifinal round is third seeded Texas State. The Demons defeated the Bobcats 4-2 earlier this season at home.

"From a player's perspective that's good to have that confidence, but from a coaches perspective it concerns you because you don't want your players to overlook that first round game and think they can just show up and win," Mitchell said.

If the Demons can get past the winner of the Texas State-McNeese match-up they will be playing in the championship game Sunday at 1 p.m.

Demons part of four-way tie for SLC lead



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service
Demon wide receiver and return man Toby Zeigler leads a sea of Northeastern defenders Saturday. Zeigler broke NSU's all-purpose yards record in the game.

By Justin Hebert
Sports Editor

With only three weeks left in the regular season, the Demon football team is one of four teams with a 2-1 Southland Conference mark, and find themselves part of a four team logjam atop the SLC rankings.

But after Saturday only two of those teams will be able to look down at the rest of the SLC.

NSU will hope to gain ground in the league race Saturday at 6 p.m. as they host the Colonels of Nicholls State at Turpin Stadium.

The other two teams in the race, Texas State, who were upset in overtime 32-39 by Nicholls in Thibodaux, and McNeese State will also face off Saturday in San Marcos.

The Demons may be expected to win Saturday, but the Colonels never consider themselves underdogs to anyone. Nicholls has put up 40 points in wins against stingy NSU defenses the last two years, and were the Demons only SLC loss in their conference championship run last season. In 2002 the Demons were victorious in Thibodaux 21-14 but needed a fourth-quarter comeback to put them up.

This year the Colonels are excelling where the Demons usually dominate, boasting the nation's second-best rushing attack.

But in past years it has been Nicholls passing game that has crushed NSU. Last season Nicholls accounted for 230 yards on only six pass completions with two touchdown strikes of over 50 yards and another just over 30.

Two years ago they used the pass again, completing 85 and 48 yard touchdown passes beating the Demons 33-24 in Turpin Stadium, where they've only won three times out of 16 visits.

Nicholls top-ranked offense boasts seven players with over 100 yards on the ground in their triple-option attack. Fullback Broderick Cole leads the team with 522 yards, while tailbacks Joseph Tobias and Zach Morgan and quarterback Yale Vannoy have all totaled over 300 yards.

The Colonels defense is also one of the top ranked in the SLC only giving up 109.2 yards per game rushing and 174.2 yards per game passing.

The Demons are hoping to improve on their 14-12 victory over Atlantic 10 competitor Northeastern Saturday at Turpin. The Purple Swarm defensive came up with two big defensive stands and senior quarterback Davon Vinson led the Demons on two scoring drives of more than 70 yards as NSU took an ugly win to improve to 4-3.

Vinson led the Demons in rushing for the fifth game this season picking up 137 yards. Tailback Shelton Sampson did the scoring for NSU picking up two touchdowns, both on one-yard runs.

NSU receiver and return specialist Toby Zeigler broke the school's all-purpose yardage record after gaining 101 total yards against Northeastern, 68 of which came on four catches.

Senior linebackers Paul Mefford, who filled in at the safety position due to injuries to Bruce Woods and Jason O'Brien, and Marvin Byrdsong each recorded 11 tackles. Mefford had one tackle for a loss and Byrdsong recorded a sack for the Demons.

Demon cornerback David Pittman, a Preseason All-American selection, came up with what might have been the biggest play of the game. After Northeastern pulled within two points midway through the fourth quarter, Pittman intercepted the Huskies two-point conversion try and the Demons were able to hold on to the victory.

After Nicholls the Demons travel to McNeese for their final away game of the regular season in what could be a match-up of SLC leaders, but first they need to do what they haven't done in two years, beat the Colonels.

McConathy and the Demons ready for tip-off

By Ashley Gordon
Contributing Writer

Coming off a very successful season, the Demons are ready to return to handle a bit of unfinished business after dropping last year's Southland Conference Tournament Championship game to Southeastern.

The Demons and Southeastern shared the regular season SLC crown in 2004-2005.

"Seven seniors will be returning this year," assistant coach, Mark Slessinger said. "The new additions to the team will be looking toward them for maturity on and off the court."

The returning Demons accounted for more than 90 percent of last year's scoring and rebounding.

The league head coaches have chosen NSU as the preseason favorite to win the SLC with Lamar predicted to finish second.

Senior guard Jermaine Wallace, an All-Louisiana selection last season, was the only Demon to get preseason first team All-SLC honors. Returning starters at forward Clifton Lee, a senior, and Jermaine Spencer, a junior, were named to the preseason All-SLC second team.

Head coach Mike McConathy has made adjustments to the offensive side of the court to make this a better season than the last.

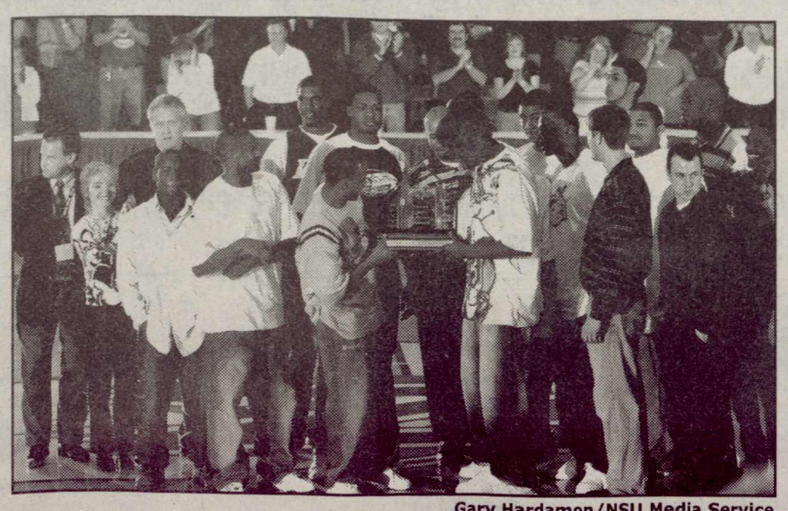
Slessinger acknowledges that the strength of the Demons is not an individual player, but the team as a whole.

"The philosophy that we have is that our most valuable player is our team," Slessinger said. "The balance of our team is our greatest asset."

The season will open Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. in an exhibition game against Henderson State. The regular season begins Nov. 18 at noon against East Texas Baptist.

NSU will play a tough schedule once again this season. Their non-conference schedule slates national contenders such as Missouri, Mississippi State and No. 6 Oklahoma State.

NSU will participate in the 2006 ESPN Bracket Buster Saturday event on Feb. 18 and the Hawaii Rainbow Classic Dec. 21-23.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service
The 2004-2005 Demon basketball squad accepts their SLC Championship trophy before a Lady Demon's game last year at the SLC Tournament.

This Just In

Courtesy Sports Information Bureau

Four Demons hope to rewrite records

Senior receiver and return specialist Toby Zeigler broke NSU's career all-purpose yardage record Saturday. This week, he could also break the school's record for total receptions.

Zeigler needs to match last week's total of four catches Saturday against Nicholls State to reach 100 for his career and pass Pat Palmer, who holds the current record with 99.

Zeigler already owns the school, state and Southland Conference career punt return records with 1,346.

Senior quarterback Davon Vinson can move into second place for all-time NSU offensive yardage passing his coach, Scott Stoker. As a Demon quarterback from 1986-89, Stoker had 5,069 total yards rushing and passing. Vinson is threatening that record with 4,85

Current Demons defensive coordinator Brad Laird holds the school's total offense record, piling up 6,037 yards as a quarterback from 1991-95.

With 180 points scored, senior tailback Shelton Sampson is within in range of the year-old career scoring mark. Last season, tailback Derrick Johnese surpassed kicker Keith Hodnett's record of 19 points and finished his career with 206.

Junior Derrick Doyle, who made three catches Saturday to hike his total to 83, entered the Demons career receiving top 10. Doyle is 1 receptions away from breaking the current mark, with the rest of this year and his senior season left to play.

SFA men, Lamar women repeat as SLC champions

Stephen F. Austin's men earned their fifth straight Southland Conference Cross Country Championship Monday morning while the Lamar women won their second straight SLC title as the 1 conference members competed at NSU's Demon Hills Golf Course.

The host teams were not contenders for the team titles, but the Lady Demons did lead the five Louisiana-based SLC members in the team standings, trailing the six Texas teams.

In the men's standings McNeese State was the top Louisiana team, taking third place with NSU ranking third among state schools and ninth place overall. The men's individual champion was SFA junior Cody Clark who ran the 8,000-meter course in 25:34, 12 seconds ahead of the runner-up.

SFA's Ashley Monteau repeated as women's individual champion. The junior out-distanced the field with a 20:55 time that was minute better than the second place runner.

Senior co-captain Abby Salomon lead the Demons, finishing 32nd with a time of 24:3 Senior Ruth Kinhanjui finished 34th with 24:40, and senior co-captain Margeaux Fisher was 38t with 25:01.

They were followed on the NSU scorecard by freshman Ashley Terrell (40th, 25:16),junior Leslie Lambert (54th, 26:48) and freshman Laurie Campbell (61st, 29:21

The 28th-place finish of freshman Chris Pearson (27:28) paced NSU's men. Sophomore Stephen Kemei (33rd, 27:42), sophomore Gideon Rotich (48th, 29:31), junior Aaron Heflin (53rd, 30:13) and junior Phillip Hattaway (55th, 31:20 completed the scorecard.

McNeese game moved to 1 p.m.

NSU's Nov. 12 football game at McNeese State will be played in Cowboy Stadium but will be an afternoon game beginning at 1, not at 7 as originally scheduled.

McNeese officials said damage to Cowboy Stadium, particularly to the lighting system, was a key factor in the change. The game will be the second for McNeese this season in its home stadium.

The Nov. 12 game is the only remaining road game for the Demons.

NSU wraps up the regular season Thursday night, Nov. 17 with a 6:30 game against Stephen F. Austin.

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SGA announces plans for fall

By Katie Lopez
Sauce Reporter

From a lecture on UFOs to new bike racks on campus, the SGA is working to enhance NSU's campus.

Alan Sypert, senior music education major and SGA president, said in the past the Senate has only dealt with issues after they happened. This year the Senate wants to make sure they recognize and address problems before they happen.

"All the officers attended a retreat this year and I feel that the retreat has helped us. I feel that we are more productive this year," Sypert said.

Sypert said the SGA has been working on grants to help fund programs for organizations on campus. In order to receive a grant, the organization, which is usually a community service program, needs to apply. A committee then reviews the student government budget and decides how much funding the organization will receive. The Senate then decides whether to approve the application.

Sophomore biology major and Student Academic Affairs Commissioner Natasha Bennett said the SGA just passed a bill to get more bike racks around the university.

"We did this because of the gas prices rising and we know that many students are starting to ride bikes instead of driving," Bennett said.

The SGA also recently brought lecturer Robert Hastings to NSU.

Hastings discussed UFOs using previously classified government documents Tuesday in Magale Recital Hall, Bennett said.

"I thought that students would enjoy Mr. Hastings. After I spoke to him on the phone I realized that he is very passionate about his subject. He made me a believer when I talked to him," Bennett said.

The SGA also sponsored a Tae-Kwon-Do seminar on Nov. 2 in the Student Union Lobby. This seminar taught students self-defense techniques.

Sypert said the SGA is also working on the Demon Discount Program. This program will allow NSU students to receive discounts at participating local stores and restaurants by showing their NSU I.D.s, Sypert said.

"We are waiting until we have more businesses before we start to print the cards up with the names of the local businesses on them," Sypert said.

Another activity the SGA recently hosted was Monday's "Meet Your Senator Day." This forum allowed students and student organizations to meet with members of the SGA and discuss their ideas and concerns, Sypert said.

Other items on the SGA agenda include funding for more educational programs, such as sign language and budgeting classes.

Students who want to have a say in how NSU functions are welcome to get involved in the SGA and by running for a Senate seat. Qualifications include a minimum GPA of 2.0 and good academic standing with the university, Bennett said.

The SGA also recently named Shayne Creppel and Muhammad-Habib Jamil Senators of the Month for October.

The SGA holds open meetings every Monday at 7p.m. in the Student Union's Cane River room.

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The CURRENT SAUCE welcomes submissions for **CAMPUS CONNECTIONS**, a free service to organizations planning events that will be open to NSU students.

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Grant writing seminar offered

Six social work seniors, Lariana Graham, Shannon Williams, Virginia Lewis, Brandol King, Edwina Vaughn and Rebecca Withers-Birch, will conduct a grant writing seminar on Monday at 1 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

The seminar is open to all students and faculty.

Refreshments will be offered.

NSU to host powwow

The first NSU Powwow will take place at the Recreation Complex Clubhouse Saturday at 2 p.m.

The Caddo Culture Club of Binger, Okla. will perform traditional songs and dances that predate the tribe's exodus from Louisiana in 1835.

The event is open to the public.

Argus accepting submissions

Argus, NSU's art and literary magazine, is accepting entries for its 2006 edition.

This year's categories are poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, art and photography.

Submissions should be e-mailed to argus@nsula.edu or dropped off in room 318 of Kyser Hall.

Students may submit up to three works in each category. The submission deadline is Dec. 9.

Prizes of $100, $50 and $25 will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each category.

For more information, contact Monica Gremillion at 357-5575.

SAB positions open

The Student Activities Board is accepting applications for several open positions.

The open positions are: Bossier Hall Residential Representative; Sabine Hall Residential Representative; Representative at Large; Freshman Factor Committee Head (requires previous SAB experience).

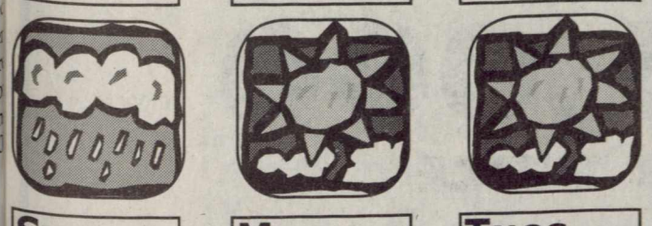
Applications are available in room 214 of the Student Union and are due by 4 p.m. on Nov. 11.

All students are welcome to attend SAB board meetings on Mondays at noon in the Cane River Room of the Student Union.

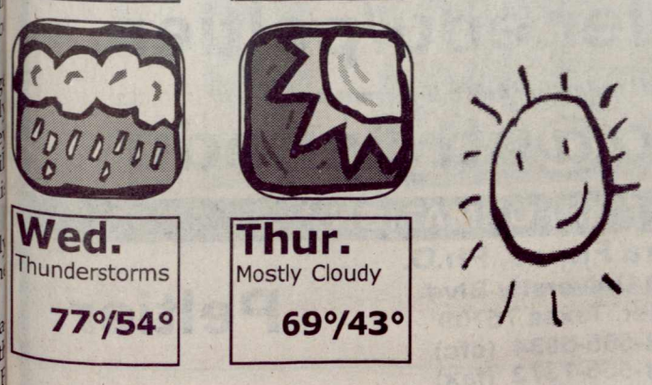
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Hurricane brings film crew to Natchitoches



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(Top) The crew of *Scarlet* prepares to film at the Prudhomme-Rouquier House on Front Street. (Bottom right) A closeup shot of one of the crew's cameras.

By Andi Bass
Sauce Reporter

"Did you go to the rave for some extra cash? Have you spotted Rebecca Gayheart?"

These are just a few of the unusual questions students have been asking each other since Scarlet, a Lions Gate television pilot, began filming in Natchitoches in late October.

The pilot was originally set to film in New Orleans but was nearly scratched because of the time and money lost due to Hurricane Katrina. The producer, Bill Hill, said, "we lost over one million dollars" and he "could have shot three [pilots] in the time it has taken me to do this one."

After some scouting, the film crew relocated to Natchitoches and began scouting out students to use as interns in the office and background actors.

Hill said the crew filmed a party scene at the cotton gin on Thursday that featured approximately 135 people, most of whom were students.

One of those students was Jeremy Thompson, a freshman business administration major.

"It was a long day. It is a big process to get one little scene," Thompson said. "It was fun."

Hill said the days are long with "no less than fourteen hours a day," but the cast and crew have still found time to experience Natchitoches. In addition to attending football games, Hill has sat in on several theater productions at the university and said there is a lot of great talent in town.

Van White, a third year theater major, said, "It's great to have the experience of working on film and the chance to network with people in the industry. This can really help the students and the town's economy."

Hill said his company is spending $3.5 million on the pilot, much of which will be spent in Natchitoches.

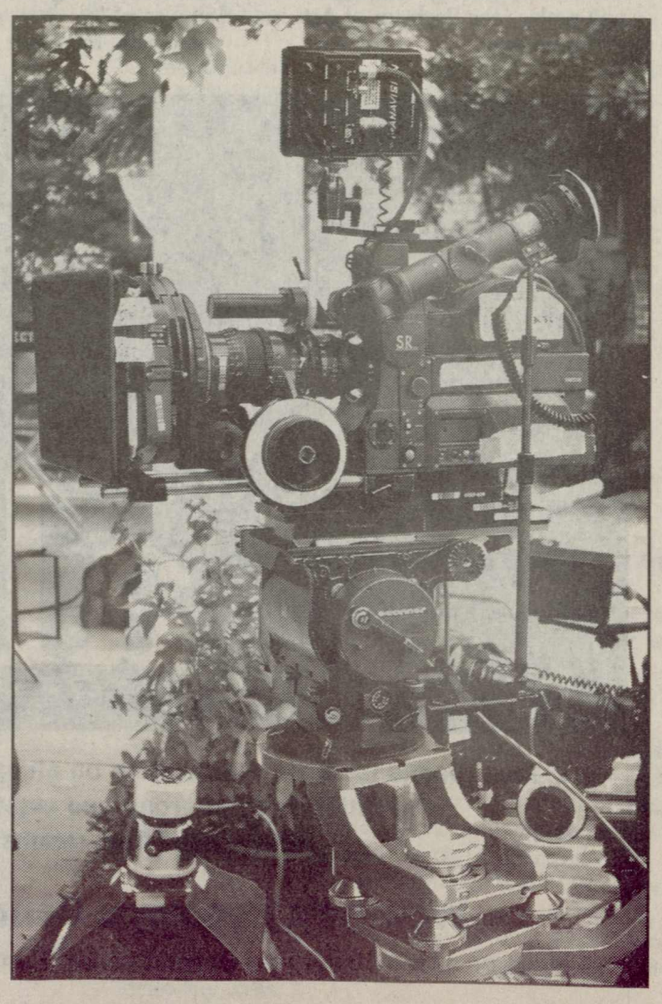
In July of 2002, Louisiana adopted tax incentives for the film industry. Since the program began, "movie companies have spent $900 million...in the state" according to a report by The Advocate in Baton Rouge. That is up from $20 to $70 million in prior years according to a report by the Los Angeles Times.

The tax incentives played a major role in bringing Scarlet to Louisiana rather than to a Hollywood production lot. The tax incentives are "what has driven Hollywood to come here," Hill said.

Hill said Lions Gate is also considering bringing $200 million worth of business to the state.

Hill said if Scarlet is picked up by the network, its crew will get an order for twelve more episodes, which they hope to film in New Orleans. If New Orleans is unavailable, they will film in Shreveport and use Natchitoches as a back lot. The series would then begin airing in June.

"It's exciting. We are like Hollywood now," Thompson said.



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SAB plans holiday events

By Lela Coker
Sauce Reporter

The Student Activities Board is planning events to help get students in the holiday spirit.

One of the first activities planned is "Holiday in Iberville." It will be held Nov. 28-30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the cafeteria. Various student organizations will be providing festive entertainment.

"We are trying to reach out to the students of Northwestern who never come to the Student Union where most SAB events are," Assistant Director of Student Activities and Organizations Yonna Pasch said.

The SAB Lagniappe Committee is scheduled to host "Unwrap the Fun" in the Student Union lobby Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is a feast that will allow students to invite spouses, children and other family members to eat a holiday meal on campus.

"'Unwrap the Fun' is for nontraditional and traditional students," Pasch said. "Build-A-Bear will be there and students' families can come and eat with them by having the student show their NSU student ID card."

Other upcoming events are residential hall holiday parties. Varnado is hosting the "Tree Trimming Get Together" Nov. 28 from 5-7 pm. The University Columns are having a "Step in the Name of Love" dance Nov. 29 starting at 8 p.m. The New Residence Hall and Boozman will both have parties on Dec. 1. The New Residence Hall gift exchange will be from 7-9 p.m. and the "Boozman Hall Bash" will start at 9 p.m.

"The whole idea of having residential representatives is to work with the RAs to bring events to the students," Pasch said. "That way more than one person is planning the event."

Pasch said she has been pleased with the student turnout at SAB events this semester.

"At every event we have had so far we have exceeded the number of students we planned for. That's a great problem to have," Pasch said.

SAB uses student surveys and feedback to help plan events and is funded with student fees.

"It's the students' money we are using and we would like their input," SAB President Jessica Lee said. "We put on fun events for the campus. We want to please the students."

SAB meets every Monday and Wednesday at noon in the Cane River Room of the Student Union. SAB elections will be held Nov. 14. Available positions include representatives at large and residential representative for Sabine and Bossier Halls. Applications can be picked up in room 214 of the Student Union and are due Nov. 11.

Professional UFO researcher delivers presentation at NSU

By Kyle Shirley
News Editor

"What you are about to see and hear may seem like science fiction, paranoid delusions or an elaborate practical joke. I assure you it is none of those things," professional UFO researcher Robert Hastings said at the onset of his presentation Tuesday night in Magale Recital Hall.

About 150 people attended Hastings' presentation "UFOs: The Hidden History." Hastings said this lecture is the product of almost four decades of research on the U.S. government's efforts to conceal the existence of UFOs from the public.

Hastings employed excerpts from over 100,000 pages of previously classified documents he and other researchers have obtained through the Freedom of Information Act as well as interviews with retired Air Force personnel in an attempt to prove that UFOs are real and the government is well aware of them.

"Whether or not this deception by the U.S. government on the American public was and is justifiable… is open to debate," Hastings said. "My opinion is that it is simply a matter of time- it may be tomorrow, it may be another 50 years- but all of this will be out in the open.



Chris Reich / The Current Sauce
Robert Hastings presents "UFOs: The Hidden History" Tuesday in Magale Recital Hall.

"I think we're all in for a very interesting future, if not a rude awakening."

The lecture included a slideshow, the presentation of federal documents pertaining to UFO encounters and a question and answer session.

The bulk of Hastings' presentation focused on UFO sightings at or near military sites, particularly those that house nuclear weapons. Hastings said these incidents only account for about one percent of all UFO encounters, but he finds them to be of significance because UFO sightings have increased dramatically since the invention of nuclear weapons.

Following the first wave of UFO sightings in the U.S. in 1947, Hastings said the Air Force began the first UFO research project, SIGN. He said this was followed by a CIA "debunking" campaign that began in 1957 to prevent panic among U.S. citizens. Hastings said this campaign is still in effect today.

Hastings said his research has left him completely convinced that UFOs exist and are extraterrestrial in nature.

"I no longer have the luxury of taking that leap of faith and saying, 'This isn't real,'" Hastings said. "There are too many independent sources, too much radar data saying there are craft doing things in our atmosphere that we can't even do today. So the inference is that some form of higher technology is here. I just can't believe that some secret human project is responsible for all this."

SGA Academic Affairs Commissioner Natasha Bennett said the SGA paid Hastings $1,900 to lecture at NSU.

"We received his information in the mail," Bennett said. "We have lots of booklets of many speakers, and I was reading his and I just thought it would be interesting because it can apply to everybody."

Bennett said she found Hastings' presentation to be convincing.

"I think they (UFOs) are out there," Bennett said.

Senior journalism major Brad Hartley agreed.

"He confirmed my beliefs that UFOs are out there. I've seen them, and I know that they were UFOs now," Hartley said. "I thought it (the presentation) was good but it was a little dull the way it was presented. But it was informative."

Senior studio art major Elliot Westphal said, "I thought that he had checked his sources very well and he seemed rather knowledgeable. But I felt it was kind of slow. But I liked it overall.

"I believe in UFOs and aliens of some sort already. So he pretty much just reassured me of what I already thought."

Other students were not as convinced.

"It's pretty hard to convince me of anything," said junior general studies major Summer Broadway. "Possibilities are endless."

Ben Apperson, a senior anthropology major, said "I thought that his material was out of date and he could have presented it in a more modern fashion. I don't think that they (UFOs) have been proven with empirical evidence."

Despite his skepticism, Apperson said he thought Hastings was a better speaker than other guest lecturers at NSU.

"It was a lot better than Ultimate Warrior or Ken Jennings," Apperson said.

Hastings recommended the following Web sites to anyone who wants to conduct their own UFO research: fufor.com, cufos.com and ufoskeptic.org.

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New degree program to be offered beginning in spring

By Ashley Lewis
Sauce Reporter

Beginning in the spring 2006 semester, NSU will offer a Bachelor of Arts degree in heritage resources.

The program, which will be within the School of Social Sciences, will complement the new master's in heritage resources and will replace the Bachelor of Arts in anthropology.

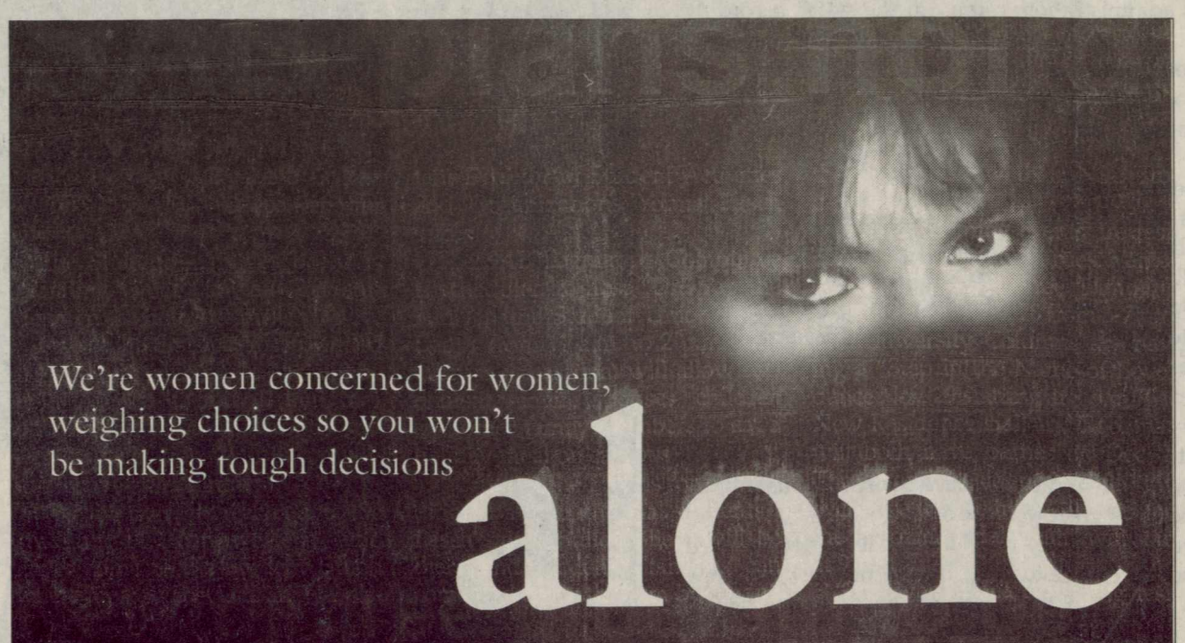
The major will have three concentrations: anthropology, geography and historic preservation. There will be no minor, but students will be able to choose two of the three concentrations.

Professor of Anthropology Pete Gregory said, "Students in the major will be able to find jobs as curators, researchers and with contract firms dealing with past cultural resources."

Associate Professor of Geography Dean Sinclair said, "The program will examine the physical and intangible cultural materials of anthropology and geography."

Students currently majoring in anthropology will still graduate in anthropology.

"Most anthropology students went to work in heritage resources. This new major gives students a broader venue to get out and get jobs," Gregory said.



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ATTENTION FRESHMEN!

Has the first semester left you burned out?
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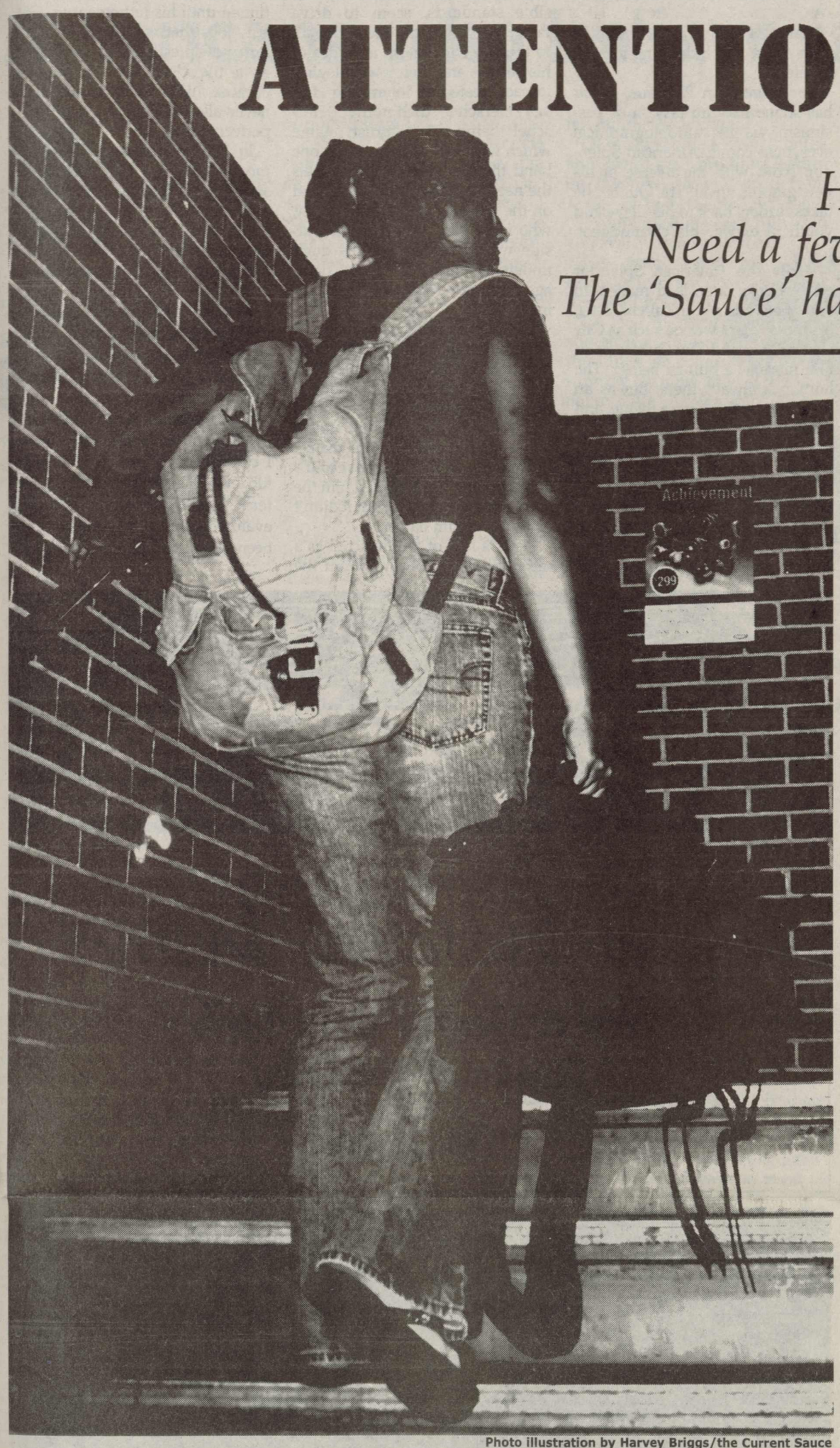


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On Roommates

By Jimmy Brown
Contributing Writer

What would the college experience be like without having a roommate at least one time?

Just imagine not having your best buddy to come home to and talk to after a long day at school or someone to hang and watch movies with.

This ideal image of roommates is often ruined when the roommate from Hades steps into the picture.

Freshmen suitemates Lindsey Chiles and Robin Cooke encountered that particular roomie when they moved into the new residence hall earlier this semester.

Chiles and Cooke, both elementary education majors, said their roommate could be messy at times, which usually sparked conflicts.

"She never did the dishes," Chiles said. "She never wanted to do anything. You have to ask her again, again and again."

Cooke added, "She knew I was kind of neat, and she would try to be as messy as possible to aggravate me."

To solve issues like having a messy roommate, Chiles said she would just try to ignore the situation. Cooke also said she would ignore it, but with a twist.

"I killed her with kindness," she said. "But at times," Cooke said, "being kind would not do the trick.

"I'd be doing a paper, and she would be on her side of the room, talking on the phone while I'm trying to concentrate on a serious paper. And I would have to ask her to go talk on the living room so I could concentrate on my things," she said.

Another inconsiderate thing the suitemates' roomie would do was come home late and wake up those in the suite.Sometimes she would not come home at all or bring guys home.

In fact, Cooke, who never had to share a room before in her life, said becoming adjusted to others' morals was one of the toughest aspects to get used to when she moved into the hall.

Meanwhile, everything is peachy for the suitemates since the one who was causing trouble moved to another dorm room.

Chiles and Cooke said they tried to make things work but were unsuccessful. Cooke said she tried to talk the roommate who was unwilling to communicate.

"I was willing to share my things, share my space. It's difficult when you have a roommate who doesn't want to share and who wants their own everything. That's what makes it hard," Cooke said.

Susan Willis, an R.A. at Sabine Hall, agreed with Cooke saying roommates should "just be open to one another" in order to make the living arrangements work.

But that is easier said than done, especially if the roommates do not know the ones they are opening up to.

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>
> **Robin Cooke**
> Freshman elementary education major

Before meeting her new roommates, Cooke said she was horrified about moving away from home.

"I went down to church, and I was praying with my pastor, and I was crying because I was terrified because I didn't know who my roommate was going to be. I've been praying that they were going to put me with a good person," she said.

Chiles also was nervous about the transition.

"I was scared to death. I cried every night for about a week," she said.

Willis, a studio art major, acknowledged that being away from home for the first time and living a with a stranger can be somewhat terrifying. She said unless dorm residents specify a roommate, they are assigned a dorm room with a random student.

Willis said as an R.A., she tries certain techniques to break the ice among the residents and make the transition easier. She said she usually has the residents on her floor to meet and greet and she also have a movie night where the residents can bond and get to know each other better.

But still, certain problems arise after the bonding, but the only advice Willis can give to help ease the situation is one must acknowledge that people have different habits, and roommates should try to get used to each others' ways and should adjust their own to be considerate.

Five people at NSU every freshman should know

By Lora Sheppard
Editor-in-Chief

Having trouble being a new kid on campus without knowing where to go or who to go to? Among classes, work and sleep deprivation perhaps you feel a bit lost on how to make next semester smoother than your first.

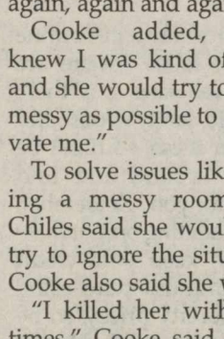
Luckily, here's a guide for next semester – five people who are always good to know on campus.

Department Secretary

First and foremost, the one person that is absolutely essential to know is your academic department's secretary. Not only do they know everything that is going on in a department (and often what is happening in the university), they are also usually willing to help the random student that wanders into their office for guidance. Don't worry – the upperclassmen do it too.

Academic Adviser

Another handy person to get to know is your academic adviser. It is difficult among all the hustle and bustle of the semester to remember when registration is creeping up. However, in that moment of Oh my God, registration starts tomorrow panic, keep in mind that your adviser is your best ally for mapping your academic progress. They can help you find the right combination of classes to graduate, as well as suggesting teachers and methods that can fit your learning style. They are there for every absolutely random question regarding your curriculum.



Scholarship and Financial Aid Advisers

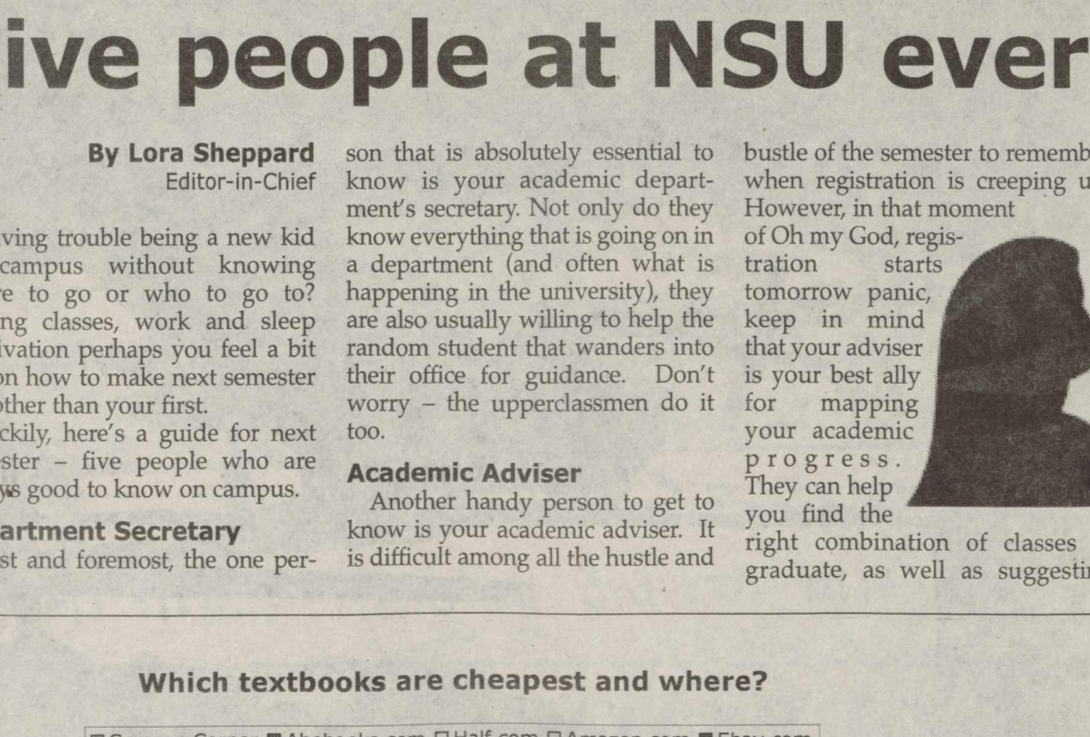
Two people not often thought of come from very important departments on campus that has deep ties with the students. The first is Patricia McKnight in the Scholarship office; the second is Misti Adams in Financial Aid. These two women can help students with I need money for next semester panic. They can answer questions about how to acquire scholarships and other forms of aid such as Stafford Loans and Pell Grants, often vital components in a college student's arsenal.

The Chief of Staff

Last but not least, you should get to know Dr. and Mrs. Webb, the president and "first lady" of NSU. Making yourself known to them can make you recognizable, and you're no longer just a faceless student in the crowd. The Webbs are here for the students and are willing to hear any concern a student wishes to voice.

Keep in mind that your RA, the workers in Health Services and Aramark as well as some others are just as important. Introduce yourself; get to know people. It's a large part of the college experience and every little bit helps.

Which textbooks are cheapest and where?



Information gathered by Andi Bass/the Current Sauce

On Textbooks

By Andi Bass
Sauce Reporter

How much did you spend on textbooks last semester? $300, $400, $500?

Costs continue to rise, and students are trying new ways to beat high prices and keep a little more money in their pocket.

Rather than paying full price at the bookstore, some students prefer to buy used books. "They are cheaper and sometimes notes are already highlighted in it" sophomore nursing major Andrew Moon said.

However he added that they are "sometimes out of the books you need".

Borrowing and trading books is another way students are cutting expenses. "Book prices are ridiculous" said Cody Biggers, a sophomore nursing major, who borrowed a Psychology 1010 book from his roommate. By borrowing the book rather than buying it, he saved $53.25. "It's a great way to go" he added.

Michael Davis, a computer information science junior, lent his calculus book to a friend in exchange for his friend's history book.

"It saved us both a lot of money" he said.

Facebook.com is becoming more than a tool for communicating with friends, it is now also a way to trade books. The group Textbook Swap has over 135 members who post books they are selling or looking to buy on the message board.

Biggers, who is a member of this group, said "It's cheaper than buying it in the store and it seems safer than buying online."

Other students are looking beyond Natchitoches, purchasing their books from Maine, California and everywhere in-between. The Internet has created a virtual marketplace for new and used textbooks, often at drastically reduced prices.

Ashley Magee, a English and journalism double major, has turned to the internet to purchase books from several of her English classes.

Her experiences were mixed. She was disappointed with the two books she ordered from Half.com. The site described the books as practically new but "it was nothing like the description" she stated.

"I feel like I got cheated" she added.

Her experience with Amazon.com was quite different.

"I was a lot happier with Amazon.com. The description was pretty close to what they said." she said of the five books she purchased from them.

For students who decide to venture online, there are a few tips to help avoid getting ripped off.

Look for ratings. Sites such as Half.com, Amazon.com and Ebay.com use a rating systems that allow users to see how happy past buyers were with a seller. A good rating helps insure that the book will come in the condition it is described as.

Always check the ISBN number. This is a 10-digit number used to identify the textbook. Students can e-mail their professors for the upcoming semester to find out this number. This insures that students get the correct edition of the textbook needed for the class.

According to a 2005-2006 College Board report the average student shells out $421.50 a semester on textbooks. This number is on the rise but with a little innovative thinking students can find ways to beat the increasing costs.



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Fashionable Focus

'Surf's up' with Online Shopping

In last week's column we learned that Raquel has a serious shopping problem. Duh. That's a given. In this week's column we'll learn all the methods to spending madness. And it all begins online.

Ok, enough with the third-person talk! Folks, this is Natchitoches and it is obvious that we really have no shopping amenities to suit any college student's needs. Granted, Wal-Mart and Cato make great places to kill time, but there are really great places to find unique fashions that will fit your personality. There are alternatives to these businesses, but you would either have to drive to Shreveport or Alexandria, and when you are on a budget to find what you want already, spending money on gasoline just isn't worth it sometimes. This is where going online helps.

As I said in the last column, I love shopping on the Internet. It's probably my favorite pastime here at NSU. When I'm bored at home and there's nothing to do, you can bet that I'm in front of my computer screen looking at cocktail dresses, gaucho pants or even worse, shoes! Sometimes I don't even purchase clothing, sometimes its furniture or electronics. Whatever the case may be, shopping online makes it easy and convenient for a busy college kid like me.

Of course, shopping online can be dangerous. With any serious clicking around a site, you could find yourself purchasing a really expensive pair of pants (that you really wanted) accidentally on purpose. And on a serious note, identity theft is a big issue with online shopping. But for the most part, purchasing on the Web can be a safe and fun experience, especially if it is a "secure" or "trusted" vendor.

So to help out the bored college student in desperate search of safe, secure vendors that offer great merchandise, here are some great links:

Overstock.com

This website is an excellent source for anything you may ever want or need. Overstock.com carries everything from designer clothes, shoes and handbags to discounted MP3 players and exotic furniture from Bali. I have purchased countless items from the site because it offers me such a wide selection of products at a very reasonable price and it offers me complete purchasing protection and reassurance when I see the seal of the Better Business Bureau. So pay attention to the television commercials that tell you that if you want the "big O" go to Overstock.com. They're not lying!

Alloy.com

If you are a girl with cute spunky style, you'll love this eclectic online shopping place. Not only does this site have an open merchandise catalog for all your apparel needs, it also offers fun stuff like quizzes, celebrity gossip and contests. This is what I would consider the ultimate in "girlie shopping!" You get mental stimulation and visual stimulation at the same time—and you definitely can't get that from going to class!

Delias.com

Delias.com is similar to Alloy.com except it has a more sophisticated style. If you are kind of a "preppy" dresser, then this place is for you. You'll find the latest trends and fashions at reasonable prices and you can bet that whatever you purchase will be unique. They like to use unusual fabric prints and extraordinary textures to piece together their outfits, which really reel in a "window-surfer." I have been purchasing from Delias.com since I was older enough to memorize my daddy's credit card number (just kidding!) and it has been a real pleasure. Not only do you receive your merchandise in a fairly timely manner, they have an excellent return policy which allows you to return anything at no cost to you—shipping is on them!

Zappos.com

Are you a shoe freak like me? I swear; if I could have all my favorite styles of shoes in every color I would, believe me. With Zappos.com, it is possible. You can find just about any style of shoe in just about any color. It's great! This place is like Mecca for your feet. Looking for a comfortable pair of converse tennis shoes? On the prowl for a pair of leopard print pumps? Admiring you're your roommates new leather boots? Zappos.com is where you should be.

Vintageous.com

Wow. That is about all I can say for this online wardrobe. When you log on to this site, you might be a little surprised at its content. Everything available through this Web site is completely vintage, from sexy little black dresses to comfortable robes and pajamas. They also offer suits to fit any size waist or bust. Take a look around—there's something on this site to make any girl feel "Audrey-worthy."

Those are my favorite online places to shop, folks. There are plenty more Web sites out there that might suit your needs and style more than these, so don't be afraid to surf around and find something just for you. Remember, if you are not planning on purchasing right away; keep your credit card at bay. Impulse purchasing online can get pretty pricey, so be sure to do your research! Happy surfing!

'The Quitter' still hard at work

By Danny Jackson
Copy Editor

Harvey Pekar is a mad scientist with a pen and little-to-no interest in science.

For more than 25 years, Pekar has shone his dim beacon of pessimism via his autobiographical everyman comic, American Splendor. Now, with the release of his new graphic novel, The Quitter, he takes readers back to his Cleveland youth to expose his curmudgeon roots.

While the American Splendor comic books often lead readers to view Pekar as a comical character, his more recent works, such as Our Cancer Year and The Quitter paint him more as a human being. The humor is always there, but as an undertone rather than a theme, and many of the scenes are more likely to bring tears than laughter.

Pekar teamed with artist Dean Haspiel and letterer Lee Loughridge to illustrate the dark cloud he has been trying to shake his entire life. An anxiety disorder and an inferiority complex, each probably due to his inability to perform up to his parents' near-impossible standards, seem to drive Pekar down roads few would want to travel. The bizarre attitudes of his parents and their psychological impact created an interesting Harvey/Herschel dichotomy (Herschel being his Yiddish name which was used at home). On one hand there is Herschel, who feels the need to please his parents, and on the other hand there is Harvey, who must deal with both the outside world that his parents don't understand and the mental damage caused by Hershel's shortcomings.

In the pursuit of being good at anything at all, Young Harvey took up street fighting. After years of being pounded by gangs of kids in his old neighborhood, he found that he was quite good, almost unbeatable, at a one-on-one match. Beating up some of Cleaveland's toughest street kids earned him the respect that he wanted, but it didn't really make him happy.

Pekar's fear of failure acted as a self-fulfilling prophecy. From the age of ten, he worked at menial dead-end jobs, a pattern that continued until his retirement in 2001. Any jobs that would have earned him more prestige than his position as a file clerk were impossible because his anxiety would have never allowed him the stability to perform them.

In 2003, American Splendor, a movie based on the comic book series, was released to critical acclaim, winning awards at Sundance and Cannes. This sparked national interest in Pekar's work and led to the highest sales figures of his career.

After overcoming such substantial obstacles, most people would sit back and relax with satisfaction, but most people aren't Harvey Pekar.

"I've worked hard to get around my shortcomings and hang-ups so I could take care of my wife and kid," Old Harvey says in The Quitter. "I guess it's up to whoever evaluates me as to whether I've been able to do a decent job or not."

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Americans who believe in evolution are minority



Aaron Pizzani
Sauce columnist

Want to hear something that'll make you say, "Holy crap?"

A CBS poll conducted in October found that only 40 percent of Americans believe that humans evolved to what we are today from lower life forms.

This threw me for a loop. I was confused for days. The world I lived in suddenly didn't seem so real anymore.

Oh, and if you didn't just say "Holy crap!" you're probably in that other 60 percent.

I knew there was a big debate on the evolution issue. I knew that fundamentalist Christians were trying to get it kicked out of public school.

I didn't stress out over the issue because I figured the media probably hyped it up a bit to make it seem like a big deal. I was blissful in my ignorance that most Americans were rational, science-loving, practical people.

I work at a visitor center outside of town where we have a replica of a dinosaur head that was found in one of the bluffs on the Red River.

This dinosaur was a prehistoric whale that lived around 70 million years ago.

My job is to tell people about it and, ironically, pray to God that I don't have to explain it to a "fundy" Christian.

You wouldn't believe some of the responses I will get out of these people. Actually, about 60 percent of you will. That other 40 percent better get ready for a few more "holy craps."

One afternoon a few months ago, after I gave my short lecture on the fossil, a nice man from Texas turned to me and said, "Seventy million years, huh? Do you really believe all that?"

He then gave his explanation on how the fossil got there.

It involved something along the lines of Satan running around the Earth like a devilish Johnny Appleseed planting dinosaur bones for humans to find and become suddenly confused and doubtful of their faith.

"Holy crap!" You just said it, didn't you?

A few weeks later another nice man strolled into the center. They're always nice, which makes it hard to completely dislike them.

He had a better explanation that was surprisingly more rational than the first. Yes, dinosaurs existed, but they just didn't make it on Noah's ark, so they died in the flood.



"Um, sir, this dinosaur here lived in the water. Did he not make it into Noah's aquarium," would have been my response, but I am paid to smile and be nice so I restrained myself.

Those two are only the most memorable moments.

Most of the time they just give me a dirty look like I am the one that's crazy.

And that's just it. It's crazy. Evolution is the basis of human biology, physiology, and medicine. Just like gravity is the basis for rocket science.

Besides, Americans love a good story about rising to the top through good old-fashioned hard work and perseverance.

Isn't that what the story of human evolution is all about?

It gives me a warm, fuzzy feeling when I think about my species crawling out of the primordial soup, surviving millions of years of ice ages, bizarre weather phenomena, and even mass extinctions and finally rising to the position of most intelligent beings to ever walk the planet.

Now that's hard work. That's perseverance. And I don't care if my great grandfather was a monkey. I happen to like monkeys.

Aaron Pizzani is a junior History major. His opinions do not necessaryily reflect those of the *Sauce* staff or of the university.

Hark! The herald cash registers sing

Bronwyn Lance Chester
Courtesy KRT Campus

Enough with Christmas already.

Yes, I realize it's only the second week of November. That's the point. It's 70 degrees outside, the trees still sport green leaves and I'm already suffering a bad case of Christmas creep.

While nosing around the supermarket Halloween displays over the weekend, I accidentally snagged a bag of festive red and green Hershey's kisses.

The store's Christmas candy shelves rivaled the cornucopia of its Halloween ones. A recent trip to a drugstore turned up Christmas boxer shorts and other Yuletide novelties.

Stores are already busily setting up their holiday lights. Three weeks ago -- a mere month into autumn-- Costco had already decked its aisles with pre-lit trees and reams of wrapping paper. And Carnival Cruise Lines was running holiday TV commercials at the beginning of October.

Hark unto this weary shopper: Make it stop. Christmas is becoming the seasonal equivalent of a presidential campaign: perpetual, crass and not about the real issues. It's bad enough when the mallow creme Cupids and chocolate-filled hearts show up in stores on Jan. 2. At least Valentine's Day is in the same season as Christmas.

But with summer barely gone, shoppers are besieged with faux snow, Christmas cards, lighted lawn deer, "collectible" ornaments and Santa's obese frame at every turn, all of which seem to land on shelves months ahead of schedule.

Thanksgiving used to be retailers' signal to haul out the blinking lights and bad reindeer sweaters. Not anymore.

Now we go straight from suntan lotion to jingle bells. It feels like, as a colleague's wife termed it, Hallogivingmas from Labor Day until the new year rolls in. It's not your imagination.

Retailers are pushing holiday goods earlier each year. And instead of silver bells, all I hear are silver pieces hitting the till.

According to a 2004 story in DSN Retailing Today, a marketing publication, there's a seasonal trend of introducing holiday goodies earlier so that stores end up "with a 100 percent sell-through" of merchandise.

Some economists have said the early Christmas-retailing strategy is a shrewd one. Stores want to nab precious dollars before family budgets get squeezed by high heating prices, present-buying and life necessities.

Shrewd, perhaps. Annoying, for certain. Far be it for this Grinch to argue with economists.

But seeing Christmas candy in October doesn't make me want to shop. It makes me want to hide. Or at least hit the eggnog with gusto.

And because I end up wondering where the year went, it also makes me feel old.

Thanks to mercenary Yuletide commercialism, Christmas long ago stopped being a day; now it's a two-month-long media blitz. Its religious and miraculous aspects have been supplanted by polish, spin, strategies and marketing.

Like so much else these days, the holidays feel too artificial, too contrived, too dreamed up by Hallmark and Chinese exporters to be enjoyable.

Bludgeoning shoppers over the head with carols, Santas and decorated trees in autumn, when we should be enjoying raking leaves, carving pumpkins and frolicking on sunny days, only exacerbates that fake-holiday feeling.

It's time for an uprising, a crusade by folks who want to put Christmas back in its traditional calendar spot.

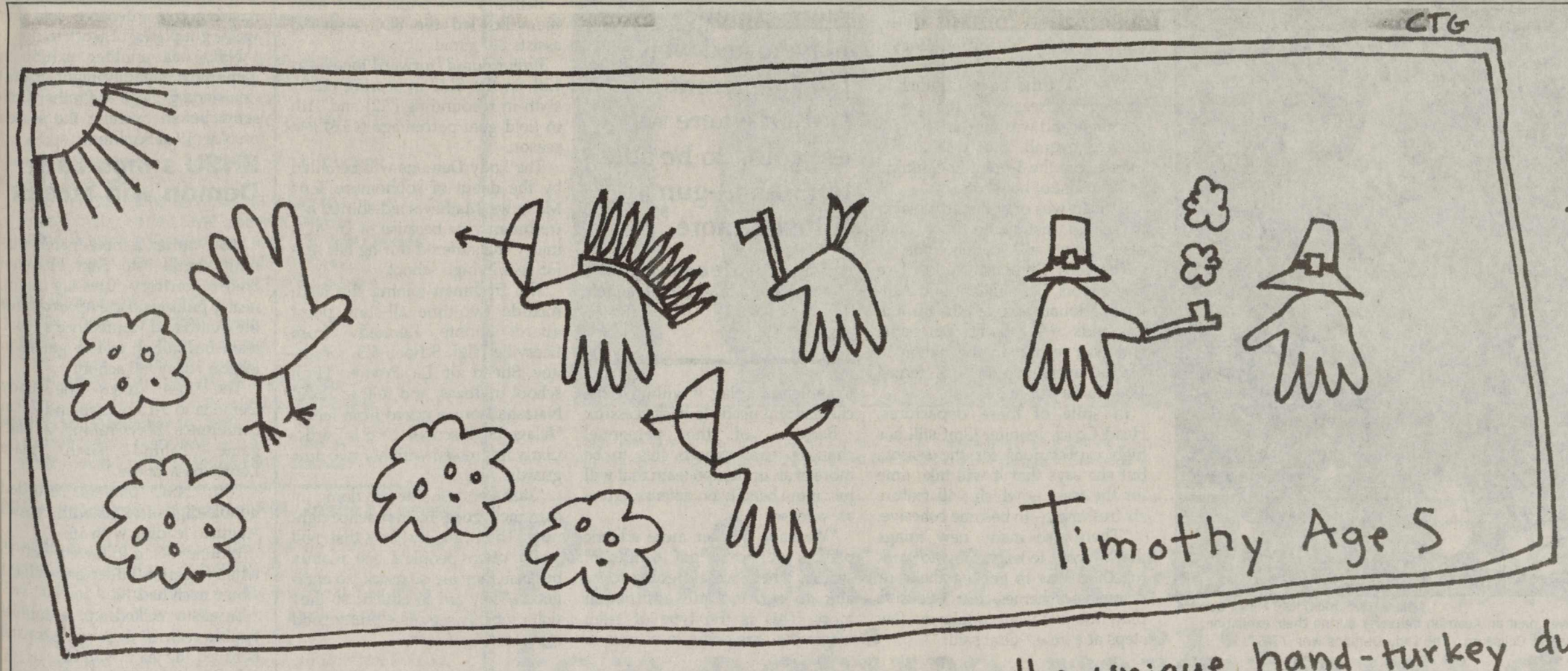
If you enjoy hearing Christmas music in September or buying treetop angels with your Halloween costume, by all means, go ahead.

If not, then boycott the candy canes, holiday dog bones and pine wreaths until after Thanksgiving. Only then will retailers get the message.

Otherwise, Christmas won't come but once a year: It'll be with us for the whole darned 12 months.

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By Connor Johnson



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NSU wins SLC crown

Demons have bid in the NCAA regionals this weekend

Courtesy of Sports Information



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The NSU Soccer team shows their SLC Tournament trophy and conference tournament awards following their championship game win over Sam Houston Sunday. Pictured from left, front row: Johnna Klohoker, Julie Zavala, Erin Hebert, Heather Penico, Tara Powasnik and Krystle Donaldson. Middle row: Samantha Penico, Tiffany Kawana-Waugh, Stace Miller, Natalie Waguespack, Ashley Millhouse and Manette Keller. Back row: asistant coaches Chelsea Orton and David Lapeyrouse, Hannah Casey, Raquel Flores, Lauren Miller, Bobbie Hayes, Stephanie Miller, Carrie Crowell, Mya Walsh, Amanda Vines, Marliese Latiolais, Gabrielle Assayag, Ashley Hadley and head coach Jimmy Mitchell.

NSU needed overtime Sunday to earn its third trip in six seasons to the NCAA Tournament, but Monday the Lady Demons needed little time to learn they'll play Big 12 Conference champion Texas A&M in College Station in the first round of the NCAA College Cup tournament.

The Lady Demons (13-5-1) and the Aggies (16-3-2) play at 8 p.m. Friday at Aggie Soccer Stadium. SMU and North Texas, the other two teams in the College Station regional, will play at 5 Friday evening. The winners meet Sunday at 2 with a berth in the Sweet 16 at stake.

NSU remains the only Louisiana school ever to participate in the NCAA Women's College Cup, which has a 64-team field split into 16 four-team regional sites beginning Friday. The Lady Demons punched their ticket to the NCAA Tournament Sunday afternoon with a 1-0 overtime win Sunday over Sam Houston State in the finals of the Southland Conference Tournament at the NSU Soccer Complex.

Team members and school officials gathered at a local restaurant to watch the tournament pairings announcement late Monday afternoon on ESPNews. The College Station regional bracket was the first unveiled, evaporating any suspense for the group at the outset of the show.

"It's what we thought might happen. Geographically, it makes sense," said seventh-year Northwestern coach Jimmy Mitchell. "It's good news for the families of our players from Texas and Louisiana, and that's the biggest portion of our roster. It's a great challenge for our team, but like we saw (Sunday) against Sam Houston, soccer is a game where sometimes the underdog can hang in there and have a great chance to win."

NSU beat Sam Houston 5-0, scoring four goals in the first 30 minutes of play, two weeks earlier in a regular-season meeting in Huntsville, Texas. In Sunday's championship game, NSU outshot Sam Houston 28-5, dominating regulation play, but the teams carried a scoreless draw to extra time.

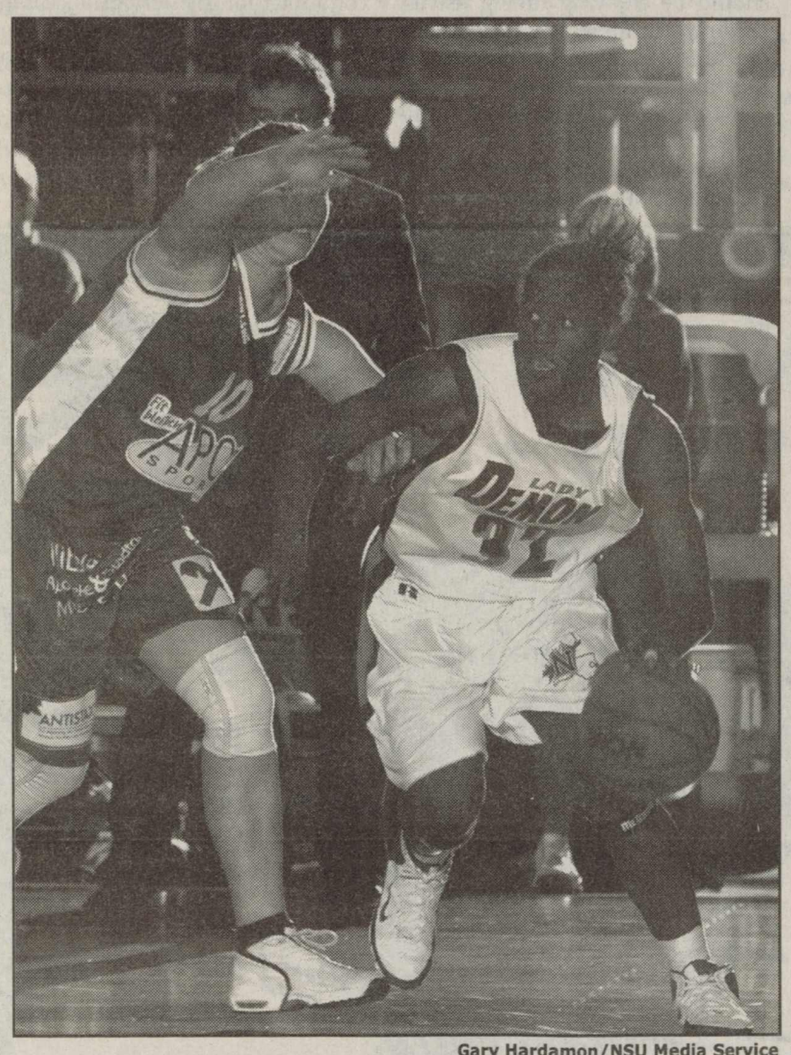
Texas A&M, 7-1 at home this year, averages 3,800 fans per game at the Aggie Soccer Stadium, which will be the site of this year's NCAA Final Four. The Aggies defeated SLC regular-season champion Stephen F. Austin 3-0 in a September contest in College Station.

"It's a great environment, with a great crowd that has all that Aggie spirit and tradition going for them," said Mitchell. "If as a visiting team, you're able to embrace all that atmosphere and energy, it can be a fun place to play. The fact that they're hosting the Final Four says it's obviously one of the great places to play college soccer."

For the 2005 seniors, it is their second berth in the NCAA Tournament. Texas A&M ended the 2002 season for NSU with an 8-0 romp in NCAA play, capping the freshman year for now senior co-captains Tara Powasnik and Heather Penico, along with Raquel Flores, Ashley Hadley and Stephanie Miller.

The Lady Demons will practice Tuesday and Wednesday, then travel to College Station for a Thursday workout before the game Friday night. Tickets are available through Texas A&M by calling 1-888-99-AGGIE or by visiting aggieathletics.com.

Young Lady Demons look to new gameplan



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service

Junior Chassidy Jones drives past an Austrian defender during their exhibition game Monday night in Prather Coliseum. The Lady Demons won 72-57.

By Raymond Billy Jr.
Sauce Reporter

Change is afoot for NSU's lady Demon basketball team.

Lady Demons lost valuable veteran leadership when five seniors, including two all-Southland Conference players, Diamond Cosby and Amanda Bennett graduated last semester.

Cosby led the Lady Demons in scoring last season at 15.7 points per game and was third in the conference overall. She was also a threat from the 3-point line, hitting 34.7 percent of her shots.

Bennett was only the 11th player in school history to post 1,000 career points and 500 rebounds.

The Lady Demons also lost Dee Dee Favors, Beth Tallant and Ashley Sparkman, who led the team in rebounds at 8.7 points per game and was second in the nation in blocks, averaging an SLC record 4.88 blocks per game.

In spite of these departures, Head Coach Jennifer Graf still has high expectations for the season, but she says that it will take time for the team -- which will feature six freshmen -- to become cohesive.

"There's so many new things that we have to learn: how to work together, how to gel together, our defensive schemes, our offensive play. You just want to take it a few steps at a time," Graf said.

Graf said even though there is much work to be done, she is confident that by the time her team gets to conference play, it will have the chemistry it needs to be successful.

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>
> **Jennier Graf**
> Lady Demon head coach

Because of the personnel changes, Graf expects this to be more of an up-tempo team that will rely more heavily on defense to create offense.

"We have quicker more athletic players and we've got a different system where we are going to be able to run-and-gun a little bit more. This is the type of team where they are going to be able to pressure defensively, get a steal and get lay-ups."

Left-over from last season's starting five are Sheronda Bell and Chassidy Jones, who were honored as preseason all-SLC picks in October.

Bell, a senior point guard from Bienville, led the SLC with 5.3 assists per game.

Junior guard/forward Jones was 12th in the SLC in scoring (12.0), sixth in rebounding (7.2) and 11th in field goal percentage (43.6) last season.

The Lady Demons will be aided by the debut of sophomore Tena Mathews. Mathews red-shirted her freshman year because of an ACL injury she suffered during her senior year in high school.

The freshman joining the team include two-time all-state point guard Shonte Kennedy from Leesville High School; 6'3" Courtney Shead of La Poyner High school in Texas, and fellow Texan Natasha Isom, a guard from Jersey Village High school. Graf is particularly impressed with her two new guards.

"Tasha and Shonte are doing an extremely good job in practice right now. Those are the two that will really catch people's eye mainly because they are so quick, so energetic. They are so athletic so they will probably see some pretty good minutes," Graf said

Nicholls tops the Demons for third year in a row

By Justin Hebert
Sports Editor

Demon Head Coach Scott Stoker called it the most disappointing loss he has suffered in his four-year tenure as head coach of the Demons.

With 49 seconds left to play NSU (4-4 overall, 2-2 in SLC) watched their chance for another comeback win, their hopes to repeat as Southland Conference champions and possibly a playoff birth sail into the arms of Nicholls' Naton Stewart as he intercepted a pass by Demon quarterback Davon Vinson.

This was followed by a couple of kneel-downs to run out the clock and Nicholls (4-3, 3-1) celebrating the fact that their destiny as 2005 SLC Champions is in their own hands after topping the Demons in a 31-24 shootout at Turpin Stadium Friday. After back-to-back wins over Texas State and NSU, the Colonels can claim the conference championship as long as Nicholls does not lose another conference game.

"You've got to be able to defend your home turf," Stoker said. "I thought we were ready to play against a very good football team. Some things just didn't go our way but we played good enough to give ourselves a chance to win. We're very disappointed. These guys put a lot of time and effort into having a chance to win championships, but they're hard to come by. Obviously they're very disappointed."

Nicholls took the lead for good on a nine-play, 43-yard drive that was capped by a two-yard touchdown run by Colonel fullback Broderick Cole with just a little over 1:30 left. The Demons made it interesting, crossing over to Nicholls territory with a good return by senior Toby Zeigler but saw the nail hammered into the coffin when Stewart caught his first interception of the season.

Division I-AA's No. 2 offense finished the game with 471 total yards against NSU's Purple Swarm defense. The Colonels got 374 yards rushing and 97 yards on just 2 complete passes, 69 which came on quarterback Yale Vannoy's touchdown strike to Zach Morgan.

Vannoy led the Colonels with a team-high 122 yards rushing on 13 carries while tailback Joseph Tobias picked up 97 yards on 10 carries.

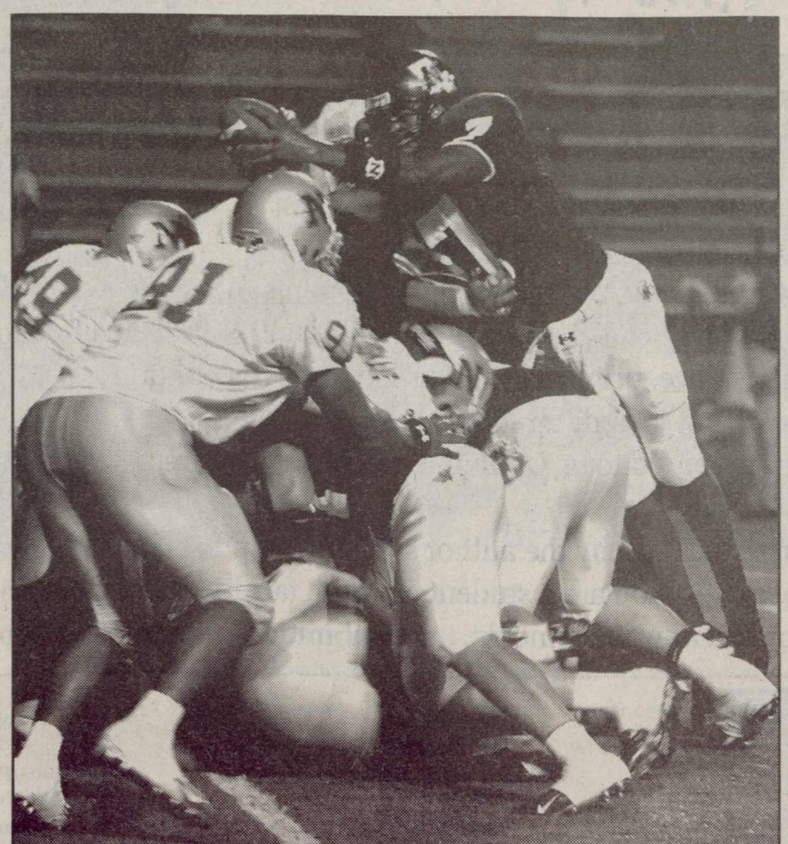
Senior linebacker Marvin Byrdsong led the Demon's defense with 22 tackles, the most since Demon All-American Andre Carron.

NSU's offense managed to gain 242 total yards but where unable get the ball moving on their last drive. Vinson once again led the team in passing and rushing with 73 yards on 6-of-12 passing and 63 yards on 18 rushing attempts with two touchdowns, one running and one passing.

"I think we've got to move the football offensively," Stoker said. "We're so beat up on the defensive side, and it's been that way for the last three or four weeks if not longer than that. We've got to be able to get the ball in the end zones and keep our defense from not having to play perfect all the time."

The Demons will hope to rebound from such a tough loss when they travel for the last time this season Saturday to play rival McNeese State (4-3, 2-2) at Cowboy Stadium at 1 p.m.

"Earlier in the week practice hasn't been as great," Stoker said. "Hopefully that changes as we get closer to it and they get McNeese on their minds because obviously it's a big rivalry for us."



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service

Senior quarterback Davon Vinson stretches over the Colonels' defensive line to score a touchdown Saturday in the Demons' 24-31 loss to Nicholls.

This Just In

Courtesy Sports Information Bureau

Isom leads Lady Demon basketball in exhibition

Sophomore forward Brittane Isom scored 14 points to lead fou double-figure scorers Monda night as NSU, unveiling a high tempo attacking style, overcam poor shooting aim for a 72-57 exhi bition win over a touring Austria team.

The Lady Demons, with seve newcomers among the 14 player utilized by second-year coach Jen nifer Graf, fired 85 shots and over came 28 percent aim with a 70-5 rebounding edge and a pressur defense that forced 32 turnover by UBBC Aposport Herzogen burg.

Isom sank 6-of-13 shots from th field to pace the NSU scorin chart, leading four veterans i double digits.

Preseason All-Southland Con ference guard Chassidy Jones ha 13 points, eight rebounds an three steals while another Presea son All-SLC guard, Sheronda Bel scored 12 points and senior for ward LaTonya Perry added 10 o the bench.

After six early ties and 10 lea changes, NSU gradually took con trol, starting with an 8-0 burst fea turing 3-pointers by Jones an freshman point guard Shont Kennedy.

That launched a 19-6 run into a 39-28 lead at the break.

Kennedy, a 5-4 true freshma from Leesville, made her debut a NSU's starting point guard wit nine points, eight rebounds, si steals and five assists.

"Offensively we pushed the bal up the court, fired up a bunch o shots, and Shonte made a reall impressive debut running th show," said Graf. "We had mor structure, at times, than I expected running our offensive sets, bu we've got plenty of work to do.

NSU has another exhibitio game next Monday night agains Louisiana College at Prather Coli seum before opening the seaso on Nov. 19 at Southern.

SHSU snaps Lady Demon win streak

NSU carried a three-match win ning streak into Sam Houston State's territory Tuesday night nearly pulling off the upset agains the Southland Conference's No. team but falling in five games i league volleyball action.

The loss drops the Lad Demons to 9-15 overall and 7-9 i conference play, falling a half game behind sixth plac Louisiana-Monroe.

Four NSU players recorde double-digits in kills with Priscil Augusto leading with 16.

Whitney King followed with 1 while Shannon Puder and Julian Abreu each had 10.

Augusto picked up a double double with 13 digs while Rache Ford led the team with 25.

Flavia Belo added 52 assists nine digs and four kills.

Sam Houston took games tw and three 30-27 and 30-25 to grab 2-1 lead in the match despite th Lady Demons matching the Bear kats point for point in the tw frames until the very end.

In the fourth game, August took charge on the offensive side knocking down five kills in eigh attacks and posting a .500 percen age as the Lady Demons forced decisive game after a 30-26 win.

After an attacking error b SHSU that enable the Lad Demons to tie the fifth game up a 3-3, the Bearkats rolled off fou straight points and never looke back, taking the game 15-5 to wi the match.

The Lady Demons will close ou their regular season this weeken when they host Texas-San Antoni at 7 on Friday followed by the sea son finale versus Texas State at on Saturday.

Friday's night match is desig nated as senior night as NSU wi honor its four seniors: August Belo, Puder. and Isabela Duarte.

NSU will begin play in its firs ever postseason tournament No 17 in Arlington against a team ye to be determined.

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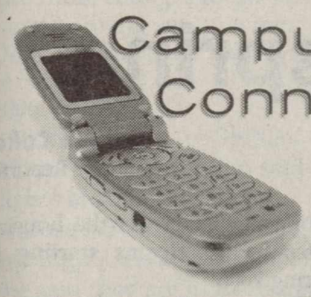
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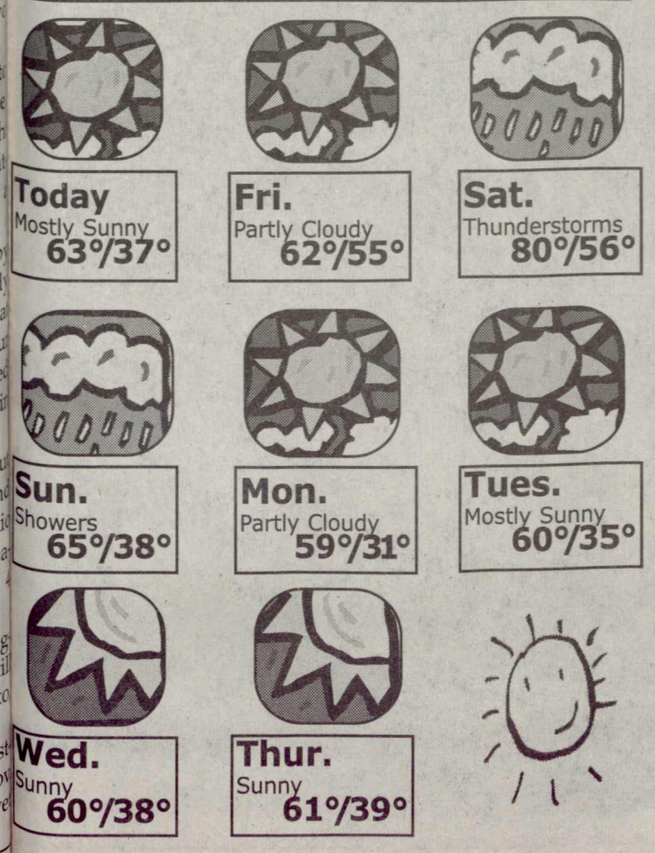
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NSU welcomes Upsilon Phi Upsilon chapter

The Mu chapter of Upsilon Phi Upsilon Fraternity Incorporated was founded at NSU Nov. 16.
The charter line members are Jeremy Neal, LaCarlos Williams, Corey Harris, Brandon Charles, Amiel Holland-Briggs and Dominique Griffin.
All Greek and non-Greek life organizations are invited to attend the "Meet & Greet Introductory Forum" the brothers of Upsilon Phi Upsilon are hosting today at 5:30 pm in the President's Room of the Student Union.

Local Weather Forecast



Budget-cut plan still not finalized

By Kyle Shirley
News Editor

NSU's budget for the 2005-2006 academic year will be reduced by $1,063,425 due to a state spending freeze.

Gov. Kathleen Blanco instituted a statewide spending freeze on Sept. 19 in response to the anticipated state budget deficit caused by Hurricane Katrina. The State Revenue Estimating Conference then required all state universities to submit budgets reflecting proposed five-percent cuts by Nov. 1. That added up to a budget reduction of about $1.5 million for NSU.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Thomas Hanson said the university has a plan in place for these cuts that may be altered in light of the new amount, but for now the university will not make any "significant changes" to its plan.

In a Nov. 17 e-mail to all faculty and staff, NSU President Randall Webb wrote, "The university will balance its budget through reductions in travel, supplies, wages of labor, professional and extra service contracts and other areas of the operating budget and freezing vacant positions."

Hanson said about 50 percent of NSU's budget comes from tuition and student fees and that the university will not finalize its plan until spring enrollment numbers are available.

In the e-mail, Webb also wrote, "... please keep in mind that the state's financial situation could change quickly and dramatically in these extraordinary times, and that could affect NSU's fiscal status."

It's Christmas time in the city



Chris Reich / The Current Sauce

Sophmore theatre major Bonnie Gordon and Senior theatre major Paul Jannise practice hosting the Christmas Gala Wednesday night in A.A. Frdericks Auditorium. For more information on the Gala and Christmas Festival parade, check page 2.

Professor leaving NSU for active military duty

By Raymond Billy Jr.
Sauce Reporter

NSU Assistant Sociology Professor William Housel may be headed for Iraq; the U.S. Army has called him for active service.

Housel said he will leave for Fort Jackson, S.C. on Dec. 4. While there he will take a physical examination and, barring failure, will be retrained to meet current military standards. Housel said he will be told where he will be deployed following the physical.

Housel said he has mixed feelings about leaving NSU.

"I've got a lot of irons in the fire, things I'm trying to do to make my job better, to make the college better, things I really believe strongly and really, really want to do. But at the same time, there is that half of me that has spent half my adult life in the military and it would be pretty hard for me to just go 'Nah, I don't want to play,'" Housel said.

If he returns to the military, Housel will be fulfilling a commitment he made at the end of the 1991 Gulf War when he joined the Individual Ready Reserve in order to receive a pension package known as the Voluntary Separation Incentive. The deal allowed him - and other soldiers with fewer than 20 years of service - to leave the military immediately, but requires him to be on call for twice as long as he originally served, which was roughly 16 years. He can draw his pension for 33 years as long as he heeds any military call to service.

The Army received authorization to call up reservists as of April 2005 by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. As many as 6,500 reservists may be called up at the same time.

Housel said he joined the reservists so that he could pursue his PhD, which he obtained from Syracuse University. He first joined the Army in 1975 and worked in technological fields and as a training non-commissioned officer and as a drug and alcohol counselor. Housel, who has never seen combat during his military career, could be gone for as long as 18 months. And even after that he could be called up again.

Housel recalled the circumstances under which he first joined the Army.

"I hated going to college... and joined the Army on the way home because I didn't want to tell my dad I was dropping out," Housel said. "Once I got in, I liked it. It was pretty good and I got a lot out of it."

Housel said the Army paid for most of his undergraduate education and much of his graduate education.

"If it wasn't for the Army I wouldn't be here," he said.

Housel, who considers himself a liberal politically, said he is against war in general and is growing increasingly disillusioned with the Iraq war, but said, "if you are going to be in the military, when Uncle Sam says it's time to go, just pack your stuff and go. You know that ahead of time."

Housel's wife of 23 years, Lauren, said the family is taking his departure tolerantly.

"It was one of those things that we knew he could be called up," said Lauren.

She added that their son Alex, an NSU student, is "not happy about not having his farther on campus but he understands what is needed."

Professor Housel expressed comfort that there will be services, which could include medical benefits, offered to his family during his absence.

"They have a whole director in the Army that is just there to help families from soldiers who have been deployed, so, that will be nice. They didn't always have that. A lot of times it was just, 'Hey, your husband is deployed, deal with it," Housel said.

NSU Social Sciences Director Gregory Granger said he is seeking to fill the void that would be left by Housel, but stressed that no definite decision has been made regarding how he will achiece that.

"While nothing is firmly settled at this time, it's likely that his introductory classes will be taught by adjuncts, likely in an online format, and that his senior class will be taught by an adjunct with whom I have spoken," Granger said.

Housel said he knows that when his tour of duty ends, his position at NSU will be waiting for him.

Housel said students he served as an adviser may now see Assistant Professor John Hillebrand for counseling.

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NSU groups get in the Christmas spirit

Students to participate in parade, Gala

By Brittany Byrd
Sauce Reporter

Marching bands, Santa Claus, and the Tabasco Girls - what else could you ask for?

The Natchitoches Christmas Festival parade will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday. The parade will start at Prather Coliseum and continue down Front Street. It will then turn up Lafayette Street and proceed down Second Street and return to campus. This year's parade has 80 participating units.

The Spirit of Northwestern Demon Marching Band, Demon Heat Color Guard, Purple Pizzazz Pompom Line, Demon Dazzlers Dance Line and NSU Cheerleaders are scheduled to march in the parade. NSU also has a float in the parade for Mr. and Mrs. NSU and the Homecoming King and Queen.

Leslie Ross, Miss City of Lights and an employee of the Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce, said, "The Parade will go on rain or shine because we have many who have traveled far to be a part of the Natchitoches Christmas Festival Parade."

CAPA gears up for Gala

By Kayla Brossett
Sauce Reporter

"The Christmas Gala is as much of a tradition as the parade and festival," said Production and Facilities Manager for NSU's Creative and Performing Arts Building, Eric Marsh.

The Gala, an annual theatrical production put on by NSU's CAPA department, will have a six-show run in A. A. Fredericks Auditorium today and Friday. Three of these performances will be open to NSU students and the general public; the others are for area elementary and middle school children.

Tonight's show will begin at 7:30 p.m. and Friday's shows will start at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Marsh said, "Come early because the auditorium will fill up very, very quick."

The Gala has a variety show format this year. It will feature music, dance and theatrical performances. Admission is free with an NSU I.D. and costs $5 otherwise.



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Ford Haeuser, a freshman theatre major, sings during Wednesday night's rehersal of the finale for the Christmas gala.

Campus housing rates to rise in spring

By Lela Coker
Sauce Reporter

NSU will increase the housing rates for its dorms starting in spring 2006.

The new room rates will be $1760 for a private room, a 15.4 percent increase from the original price of $1,500. The double-occupancy room will jump from $1025 to $1239, a 20.8 percent increase. A student messenger memo was sent to all students to inform them of the changes.

"The price increase is due to the state budget cut we are experiencing," NSU Director of Auxiliary Services Jennifer Kelly said.

The dorms generate their own income and cover their own expenses.

"The price increase will cover next semester's operation expenses," Kelly said.

Due to NSU's new admission requirements, fewer students will live in the traditional dorms which decreases the revenue the dorms receive.

"The operation cost is still the same for the dorms, but there is not as many people staying in them to cover the cost," Kelly said.

While the price increase is needed to cover the deficit, some students think the increase is inconvenient.

"I don't think it's fair for the price to go up," freshman general studies major Marissa Sonnier said. "Students are all ready living there might not have the money to pay for it."

Faculty Senate proposes reduced mandatory office hour schedules

By Rodney Clements
Sauce Reporter

The Faculty Senate passed a proposal this month that may decrease faculty's mandatory office hours from 10 to three hours a week.

The Senate met Nov. 15 in the President's Room of the Student Union at 3:30 p.m. where they discussed required faculty office hours. Ben Rushing, the Faculty Senate president, presided over the meeting. The Senate passed a resolution proposal that asks the administration to cut back the required office hours of faculty members. Faculty members are currently required to have ten office hours a week. They are asking the administration to change the required ten office hours a week to three hours.

The state of Louisiana has seen many budget cuts after Hurricane Katrina. State funds going to universities have been among those budget cuts. Therefore NSU had to make cuts in its own budget, because NSU was not receiving as much money from the state as in previous years. Rushing said one of NSU's budget cuts reduced the amount of adjunct professors.

Now with less adjunct teachers, NSU is asking faculty members to teach additional classes while maintaining their current workload without an increase in salary. Rushing said if the proposal were approved by the administration it would offer an offset to the additional work added on faculty members.

Students learn that for every hour spent in class they need to spend two hours outside of class studying. The same rule applies to teachers. Rushing said faculty members teaching 15 hours a week spend 30 hours outside the classroom doing lesson plans, grading papers and other related work.

Some students are concerned that if teachers' office hours are decreased they might not be able to meet with them.

Sophomore nursing major Jordan Dauenhauer said, "I'm concerned because what if my schedule doesn't work with the teacher's fewer office hours? I have a better chance of catching a teacher in his/her office if they have more office hours."

Other students would like to see teachers' office hours decrease.

Junior education major Randy Smith said, "Teachers do a great deal for students as it is, so why shouldn't they get a break? I think a decrease in teacher office hours is a great idea."

Most faculty members have no problem meeting with students when it is convenient for both the teacher and the student.

Rushing said, " I will always inconvenience myself to meet the needs of one of my students."

The Senate feels that the decrease in office hours will not affect teachers meeting with students. Some students do not even go to see faculty members during their office hours.

Social Science Senator Alex Aichinger said, "The majority of my students meet with me after class, in the hall way or by appointment."

Aichinger is in favor of the proposal. He said, "Fundamentally my disagreement with having fixed office hours is due to the notion that education can be defined by a fixed time schedule that reflects the sharecropper mentality that has infected Louisiana's education system from top to bottom."

Rushing said he hopes to present the proposal to the administration this week. After the administration receives and reviews the proposal they will give an answer.

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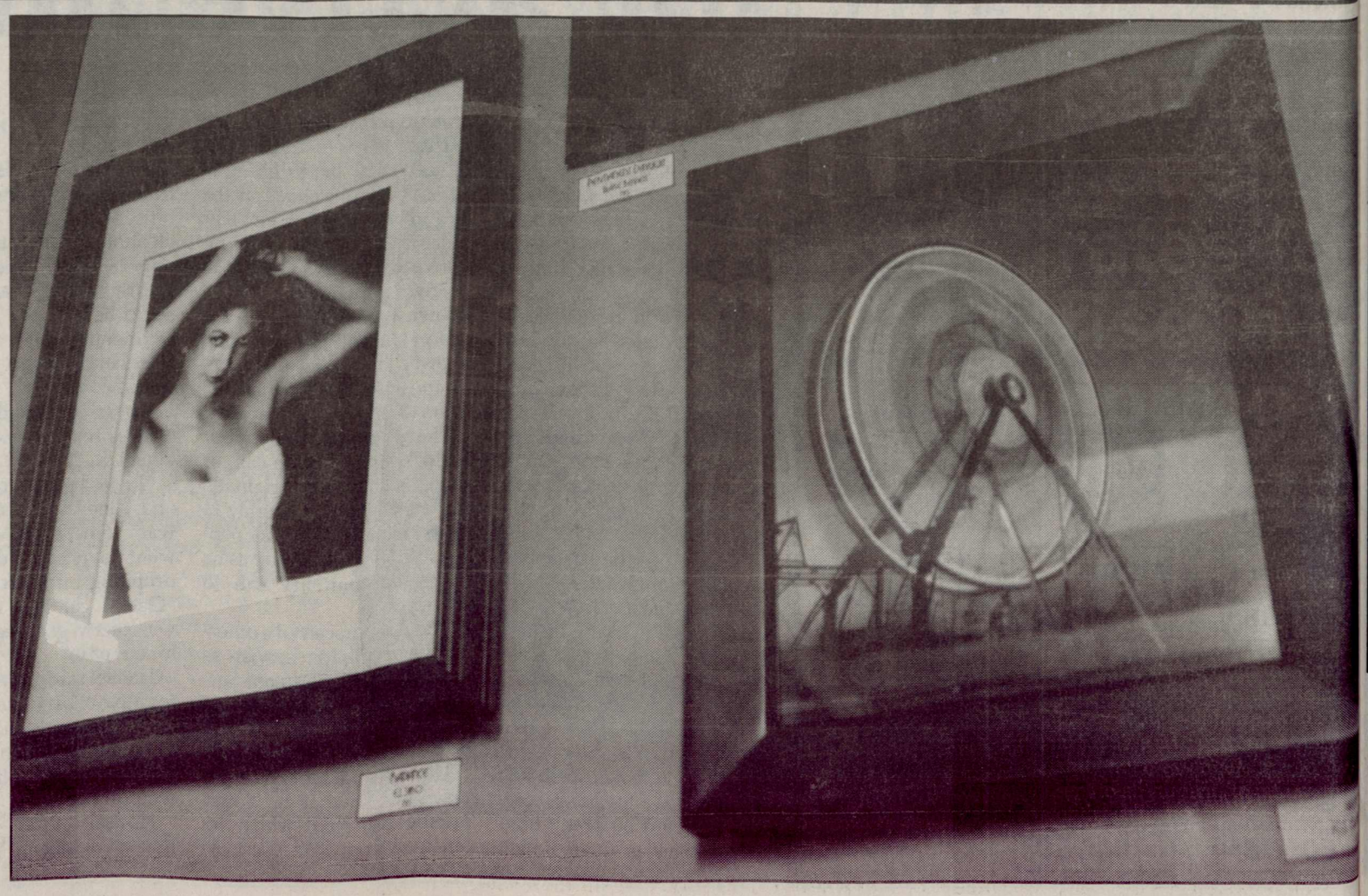
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Dodd; south Sabine wing closed in spring

NSU prepares to make dorm changes

By Elizabeth Bolt
Sauce Reporter

NSU students living in the traditional residence halls will face more changes to the on-campus living set-up when Dodd Hall and the south wing of Sabine Hall close in spring 2006.

Vice President for Student Affairs Patrice Moulton said the dorms are shutting down because NSU is in the process of moving to privatized housing. She said they are in the transition period of the conversion and are currently looking at a phase two of building another structure like the new residence hall.

"I think overall it's an exciting time. I view it as a very positive change for our campus," Moulton said.

The decision to close the dorms was based on the rates of enrollment, maintenance costs and the negotiations of the housing contracts for building additional residence halls. Based on these factors, Boozman Hall will be the next to close, possibly as soon as the fall 2006 semester.

Residents and housing staff from the closing dorms will be relocated to the remaining residence halls. Moulton said the natural attrition between semesters will take care of the downsizing of the dorms.

Earlier this semester, the male side of Dodd was closed and the residents were relocated to Sabine. Because Dodd and the south wing of Sabine are now closing, Bossier Hall will be all-male in spring 2006.

Moulton said the numbers and placement for this change fit the projection of enrollment numbers and gender in the spring.

Director of Auxiliary Services Jennifer Kelly said students are still allowed to select their preferred dorm, and most requests for private rooms are still accommodated. She said as the number of students decrease, the number of available beds will be decreased as well.

Moulton said the decision of which dorms to close was looked at from a budgetary and maintenance perspective. She said the cost savings were greater to close the south wing of Sabine and better for security than closing off the top floor of every wing.

Dodd is being closed because of the maintenance costs of maintaining the cooling and heating units.

Freshman math education major Megan Sarrille, who lives in Dodd, agrees with the closing of the dorms and the building of new residence halls.

"Dodd was dirty to me, and I think it needs to be closed down. I think they need to tear down every single dorm and put new ones up," Sarrille said.

New scholarship established at NSU

By Darren Lewis
Sauce Reporter

The children of Sadie G. and Dr. Charles F. Thomas have established an endowed scholarship in education at NSU. Through regular contributions to a scholarship fund, they have accumulated $10,000.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas arrived at NSU in 1939 when the university still held the name State Normal School. Their involvement with the university lasted for more than 65 years.

"When our children first told us about the scholarship, we thought it was great and appreciated it. We are happy this scholarship is something that will go on," Mrs. Thomas said.

Mrs. Thomas earned a master's degree in 1969. She served as director of the NSU Child Development Center from 1969 until 1984.

Dr. Thomas was an all-American basketball player at NSU. He became head basketball coach at NSU in 1950. He was dean of administration, and vice president for academic affairs until his retirement in 1978.

"There is always a need for scholarships to help good students gain an education," Dr. Thomas said.

Mrs. and Dr. Thomas have nine children, seven of which work in the education field.

One of their children is Elizabeth Walsh, director of Curriculum for Secondary Programs in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

"This scholarship is a means for the positive impact they have each had on the field of education in general and on students in particular to continue for generations to come," Walsh said.

The first recipient of the scholarship is Brittany Graf, a sophomore elementary education major from Natchitoches.

"Receiving this scholarship is important to me. I want to be a teacher and play a role in giving a good education to children," Graf said.

Dorms transferring to private ownership

By David Dinsmore
Sauce Reporter

Century Campus Housing Management, the company that operates University Columns and NSU's new residence hall, is set to take over responsibility for all on-campus living facilities.

"The plan is that, eventually, NSU will be out of the housing business completely, and Century will basically manage student housing," Vice President of Student Affairs Patrice Moulton said.

She added the fact that there has been a "collaborative effort" by many of the departments, such as the Resident Life and Auxiliary Services offices, to help get Century into the position of housing management. Moulton said the school can not afford to maintain the demands of its aging dormitories, such as replacing heating and cooling systems.

Fred N. Terasa, Managing Director for Century at NSU, described the construction of the new residence hall as "phase one." Now completed, the school and Century are looking ahead to the next step. This will include the eventual takeover of operations of on-campus housing.

"The whole transition process is not on paper," Terasa said, but added "The University and Century are in a transition phase, working collaboratively, to ensure a smooth transition from NSU management to Century management of all NSU housing by a target date of fall 2006."

It was decided that Century would undertake the process of operating on-campus living after answering a request for a proposal sent out by NSU on May 18, 2004. Auxiliary Services director Jennifer Kelly said that each prospective company was asked to respond with a presentation based on its ideas for a new residence hall.

The proposals were due on June 29, 2004 and were presented to a committee and the state Board of Regents via satellite.

Terasa said that Century and NSU hope this agreement will help build a strong community on the NSU campus.

"The basis of that community is living and learning in an academic environment," Terasa said.

He said that "phase two" will be the construction of 3 new residence halls, which he estimated to be completed by fall 2007.



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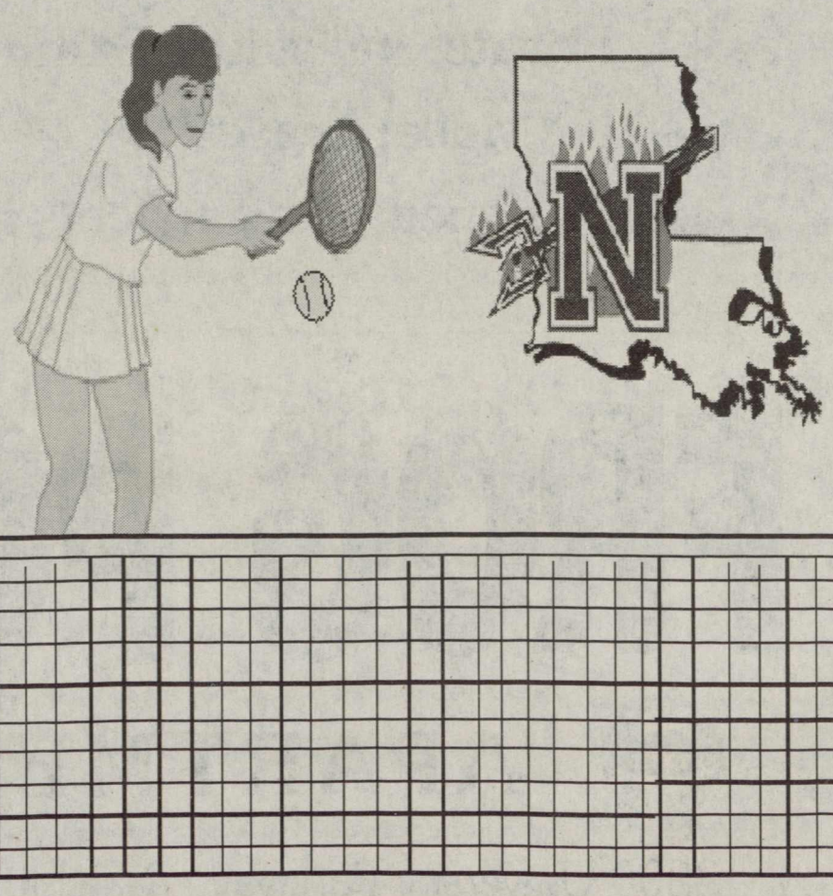
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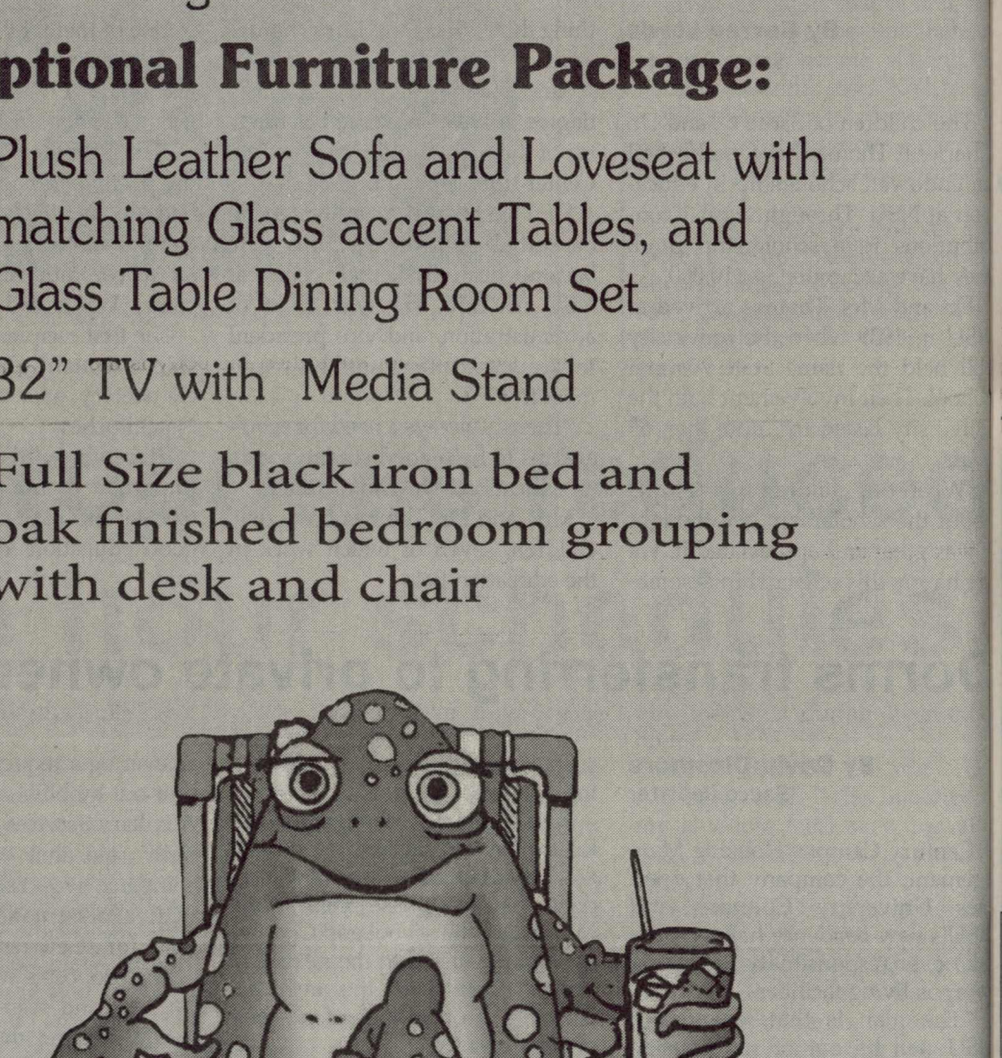
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Eating disorders affect more than just weight

By Katie Lopez
Sauce Reporter

We have all heard the same thing over and over again about how being overweight is unhealthy, but what about being underweight? One would think with an average-size person like Lindsey Lohan dropping a few pounds, losing weight might not be such a bad idea. But what people do not look at is the risks that people take in order to achieve the perfect body.

Connie Jones, assistant professor in the department of family and consumer sciences, said at least 95 percent of people go on diets but only five percent are successful in keeping the weight off after one year.

"Most people go on these outrageous diets and then when they can't lose the weight, they give up and then gain it all back. The psychological aspect has to be devastating," Jones said.

The following information is according to Web MD unless otherwise stated.

Disorders that people face when trying to lose weight is not only harmful to their bodies but can kill them.

Anorexia Nervosa is a disorder that deals with the intense fear of gaining weight, with a refusal to eat. A person who is anorexic will weigh about 85 percent less than their ideal body weight.

Some symptoms of anorexia include a distorted body image, intense fear of gaining weight, feeling guilty after eating, hair loss, fainting and even dramatic mood swings.

Jones said, "What people don't realize is there is a difference between Anorexia and Anorexia Nervosa. Anorexia is when you basically lose your appetite for food. Everyone, at one time or another, experiences this. Anorexia Nervosa is the mental and physical condition when a person deliberately does not eat."

Bulimia Nervosa or binge-purge is another disease that plagues people who are desperate to lose weight. Bulimia is probably one of the hardest eating disorders to break because it becomes extremely habitual and addictive. A person that is bulimic will feel guilty after consuming a large amount of food and will either go vomit or use an excessive amount of laxatives. One difference between this and anorexia is that the bulimic person usually maintains a normal body weight with just a slight fluctuation.

Symptoms that someone is suffering from bulimia include binging and purging, severe self-criticism, visits to the bathroom after meals, weight fluctuations of about 20 pounds, swollen glands in the neck, puffiness of cheeks, and tooth decay.

One of the newly diagnosed eating disorders is binge eating and although it is relatively new to the medical community it still affects the lives of many people. This disorder is similar to bulimia except the individual does not purge after consuming large quantities of food. The individual will eat until they are uncomfortable to the point of pain. They will also feel guilty about what they have done and this feeling of guilt can then lead to depression.

Some symptoms include rapid weight gain, eating late at night, obesity, diabetes, high-blood pressure, chronic kidney problems, suicidal thoughts and attempts.

The one characteristic that all of these disorders possess is they can and will kill individuals who do not seek help for the problem.

Robyn House, wellness coordinator at the WRAC said exercising andeating healthier are two of the best ways to lose weight.

"One to two pounds a week is an average weight loss," House said.

When a person starts to exercise they need to make sure that they are putting enough calories into their body to replenish the calories that are being taken out, House said.

"As long as people do not take exercising to the extreme it's one of the best ways to lose weight," House said.

Jones said another contributing factor of being underweight is the immune system becoming compromised. If the immune system is not there then the body is more susceptible to the common cold. For a person that is of average weight this is something minor but to a person that is underweight this could become a major problem.

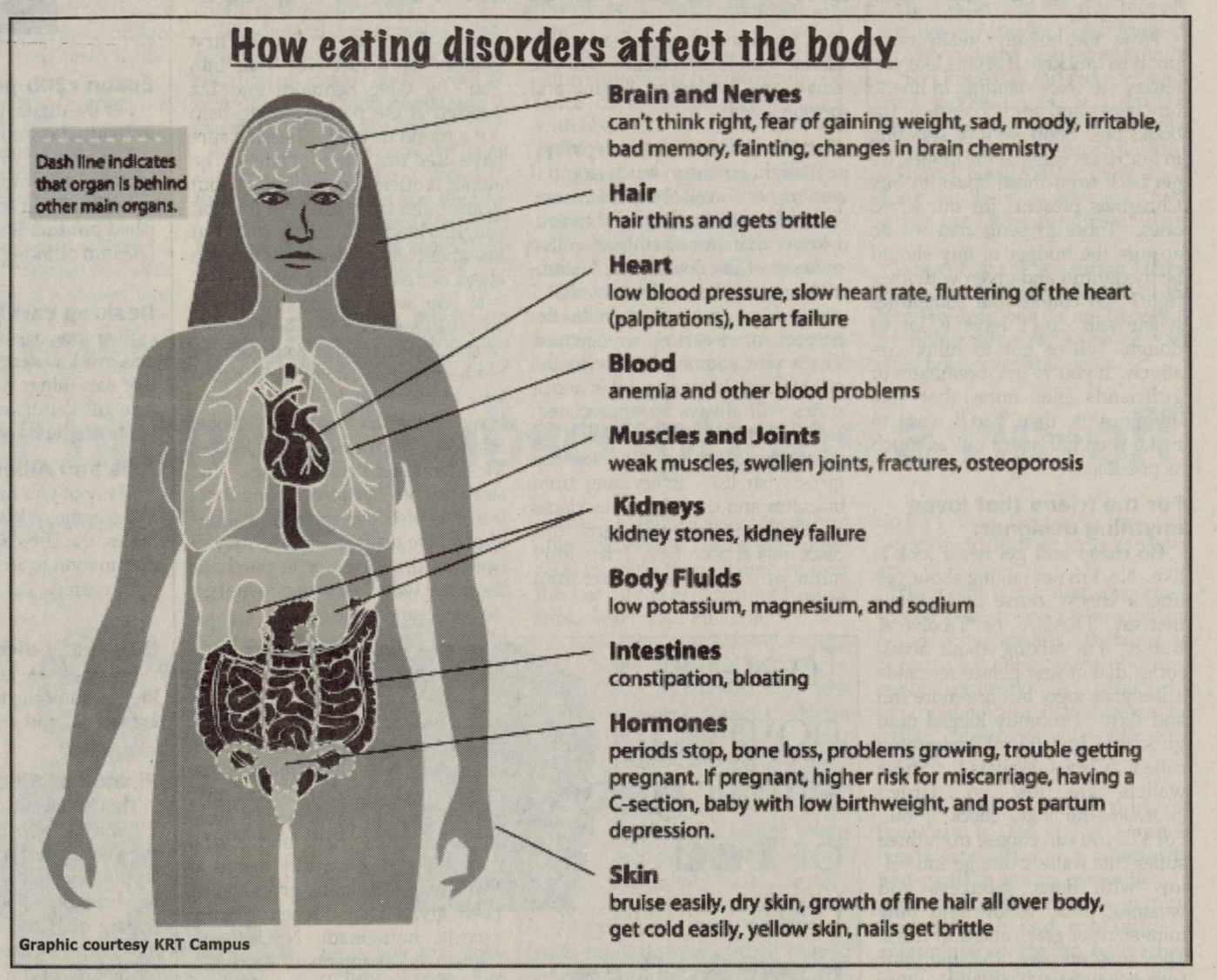
Another problem with being underweight for women is they are at a greater risk for osteoporosis because your bones need weight-bearing activity, and without enough food this cannot happen. And although exercise could counter-act the risk of osteoporosis it is not 100 percent effective, Jones said.

"Developing protein deficiency is another risk that underweight people are faced with," Jones said.

The way the body works is it takes the protein that it needs for energy and if a person is not getting enough protein then the body will take it all and their will not be enough left for that person. Protein plays a big role in the immune system being able to function and the healing process that our bodies cannot live without it, Jones said.

Most underweight people lack elasticity which keeps that healthy youthful glow in our skin. People that are underweight tend to look older than they really are, and their skin tends to wrinkle much easier, Jones said.

"A woman at the correct body weight will look a lot younger and healthy," Jones said.



Graphic courtesy KRT Campus

Troupe 'branches out' for community comedy

By Eva Sterling
Sauce Reporter

The sound of laughter filled A.A Fredricks Auditorium on Nov. 17, as the Out on a Limb improv troupe performed for more than 75 students and faculty members.

Similar to the popular television show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" the group played more than ten different games, including "Survivor." Each performer took their turn to whisper and tell the audience who they wanted to "vote off" and why. With senior performer Lindsey Visacaro's reason to vote of a teammate being "she has bigger boobs than I do."

Some other games included myth busters, message in my pocket, and world's worst. In this skit the performers lined up across the stage and act out the world's worst playboys, baby names, lies, pirates and break downs that ranged from emotional distress to cars breaking down in the hood.

Singing and dancing were among other performances displayed in the hour and a half show. In one skit, two performers had to indirectly convince an actor to say, "Don't slip on the jelly" while dancing.

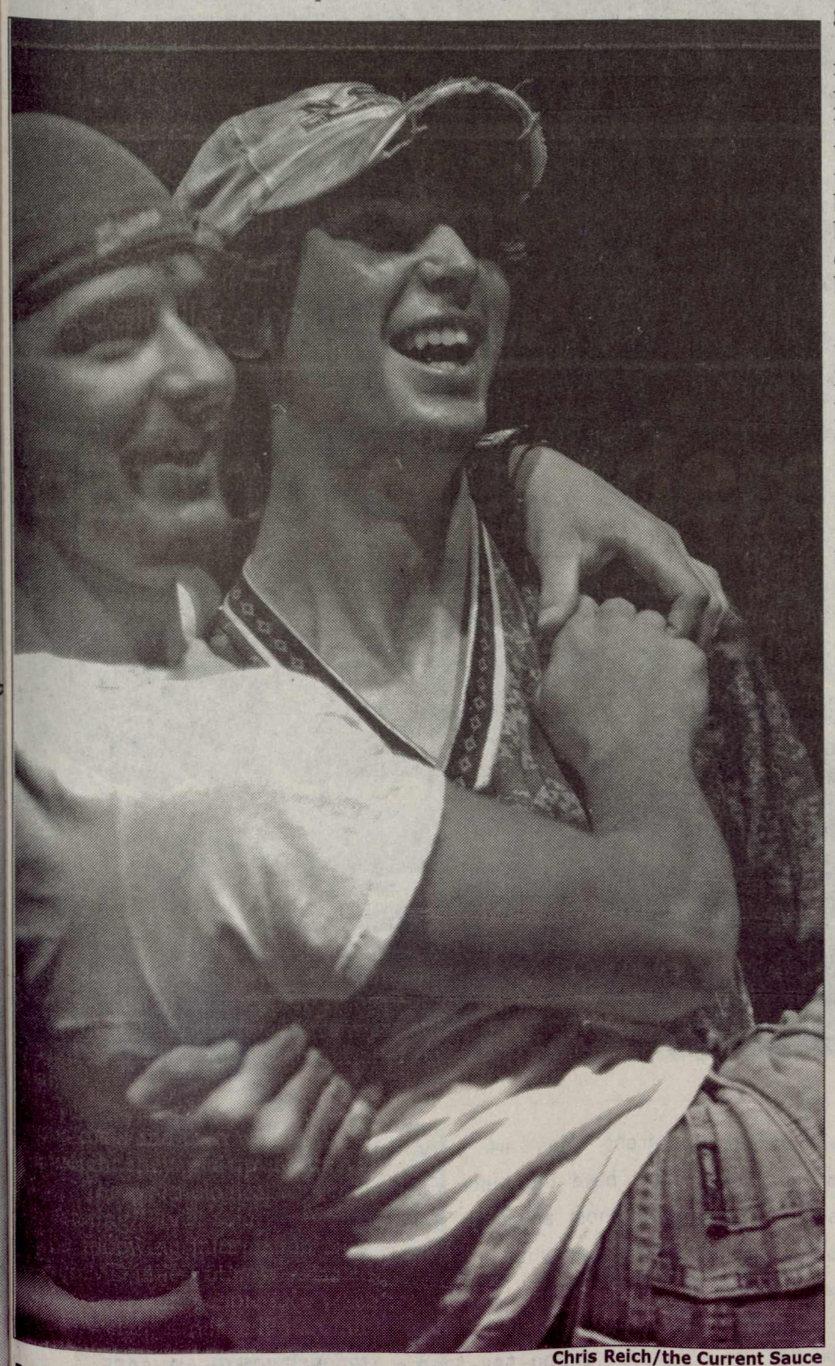
Out on a Limb has 13 members and holds auditions every fall semester they hold auditions where every performer must re-audition to return for the next year. The troupe has two team captains, Luke Sexton and Brian Jarreau, who were selected by the other members of the troupe. The captain serves as the show's host and decides what game will be played next.

Every Sunday afternoon they have a mandatory practice, but all of their performances are original; they try not to use the same jokes they used during rehearsals.

"If you bring it back, you've cheated the audience," Sexton said.

Like everything else, improv has rules. "Never blame the audience" is one that senior member Ware lives by when he performs.

"The key to having a good scene is to give and take with the other performers. A question can kill a scene," Ware said.


Chris Reich/the Current Sauce
Brian Jarreau and Luke Sexton, both senior theater majors, impersonate a gay couple during a skit at practice for NSU's improve troupe Out on a Limb.


Courtesy Warner Brothers Studios
While waiting for the first test of the "Tri Wizard Cup" to begin, Harry's faithful friend Hermoine Granger offers some helpful advice. "The Goblet of Fire" is the fourth movie released in the Harry Potter series by author J.K Rowling.

'Goblet' pressing to be most impressive Potter movie yet

Rating: ★★★

By Emily Bass
Sauce Reporter

Early Nov. 11 at the Louisiana Boardwalk in Bossier City, long lines of excited wizards and witches stood, all telling their favorite quotes from previous Harry Potter films. The line leading to the Boardwalk's theater was packed with fans all anticipating the new movie. The 2 hour and 38 minute movie was no match for these wizards.

The fourth film in the Harry Potter series, rated PG-13, introduced fans to a much darker side of Rowling's universe than the previous films. While anxious little Potters dressed in capes entered the theater, adult viewers tried to keep up. "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire", based on the book by J.K. Rowling, dominated the box office with gross sales of $102,335,066.

The film takes away Chris Columbus' happy wizards in capes appeal, while director Mike Newell emphasized the darkness of wizardry in "Goblet of Fire." The film's original stars including Harry Potter (Daniel Ratcliffe), Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) and Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) are joined by Ralph Fiennes for the long-awaited film appearance of Lord Voldemort.

As Harry's fourth year at Hogwarts School of Witches and Wizardry arrives, the 14-year old wizard is faced with multiple challenges. Hogwarts holds the Quidditch World Cup and the Triwizard Tournament in which student representatives from three different wizardry schools compete in increasingly difficult challenges that may result in deadly consequences.

While the tournament is taking place, Harry has recurring dreams of an evil plot between Lord Voldemort and his followers. The evil wizard, who claimed the lives of Harry's parents, makes an electric performance that chills the audience.

The film also introduces romance to Hogwarts with the Yule Ball. The school-wide dance allows the students to ask fellow students to the dance, which causes much humor among the classmates.

The overall impression of the crowd was positive indeed. The little Potters now had new lines to quote, while the adults appeared satisfied with the film's drama and intense action. The movie will again satisfy the Potter fans until the next release.



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Fashionable Focus

Thoughtfulness Counts First

Wow, the holidays really came upon us quickly! It seems like yesterday we were standing in line to buy books and spirit T-shirts at the bookstore. Soon we'll be standing in line to get some of the money we get back from those books to buy Christmas presents for our loved ones. Those presents that we do acquire the budget to buy should be thoughtful and given with love, right? Of course! But sometimes when you don't have a lot of dough, you've got to think creatively. If you've got roommates or girlfriends like mine that like unique gifts, then you'll want to make your gift stand out as much as possible.

For the friend that loves anything designer:

Go cheap and get her a look-a-like. No, I'm not talking about getting a cheesy purse or keychain that say "FRADA" or "Doobie & Burke," I'm talking about accessories that at first glance resemble a designer logo, but are more fun and flirty. I recently logged onto gifts.com and found something called "Circus Wallets." These wallets are just so darned adorable—no joke, check it out! For $22 you can choose from three super-cute wallets: orange and yellow with lions, monkeys and bananas; pink, yellow and blue mini-stars; or green and blue frogs. They may not say "LV" but your friends will sure "LuV" their gift!

For the friend that likes Tiffany & Co.:

Take a break from the signature blue box and go for something that's personalized and special. At thingsremembered.com (also available at Things Remembered stores), you can look over different pieces of jewelry that you can have engraved with that special person's name or initials. My favorite things that I had found were the sterling silver bangle bracelets. They're small and tastefully elegant and personalized.

For the friend in a sorority:

It might not mean much to you if you're not Greek, but if you are, your letters mean the world to you. I know that from being an active member of Tau Beta Sigma, National Honorary Band Sorority that I worked my ass off to earn the respect of wearing my letters. That's why I know that giving the gift of Greek letter apparel or accessories will always be appreciated. Go to greekgear.com, and you'll see what's probably on your sorority girl's wish list. Everything from bracelets and drop letter necklaces to flip-flops and sweatshirts, this place has it all. Gee, I wouldn't mind anything from here…hint hint!

There is nothing either good or bad but thinking makes it so.

Shakespeare

For the friend who loves love:

Well, there are two routes you could take with this friend. The first route would be to offer hopeless romantic friend some advice without being too harsh about it. Although the title might keep a potential reader at bay at first glance, "He's Just Not That Into You" by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo is the perfect gift to help out a friend in need. Sheesh, I sure have used this one a lot lately. The advice it offers is outright bold, but hearing the truth can be a little bit rough. This book can be found at just about any bookstore or you can check out barnesandnoble.com.

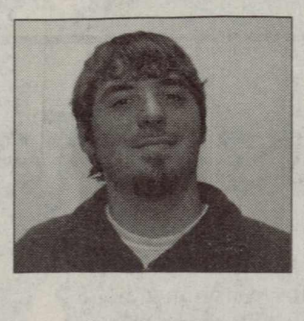
If you want to gift the friend who's in love or just likes the idea of love, buy her what could almost be described as one of the greatest love stories ever told, "The Notebook" (either the book by Nicholas Sparks or the movie staring Rachel McAdams and Ryan Gosling). This story not only inspires young love, but it is also the epitome of how strong love really is. For the movie, head to cdnow.com or to purchase the novel (which is better, to me) go to barnesandnoble.com.

For the friend that has everything:

Make her something! There are tons of ideas around that are sure to light up any friend's eyes. One of my favorite homemade gifts was a necklace that one of my sorority sisters gave me. It was made of Puka shells and beads and to this day, it really means a lot to me. Other crafty gives I have been given were French picture boards, homemade NSU Band Christmas ornaments or earrings. I loved all my gifts because I knew that they were made with tender loving care and that I was thought of while it was being made.

Remember, Christmas is a time for giving rather than receiving, so make whomever you are gifting feel special with something bought or made just for them. Originality always implies thoughtfulness, and isn't it always the thought that counts when it comes to presents?

Cool Yuletide Gifts



By Chris Reich
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Epson r200 printer

For the digital photographer in your life, this is one of the best photo printers on the market right now. The six individual color ink cartridges give this photo printer the ability to reproduce very good images.

The price of the ink is a little high (about $10 a piece to replace), but they rarely need to be replaced (I have replaced 4 cartridges so far, and I have printed at least 60 8x10 photos at highest quality with it). Each color is in an individual cartridge, so just because your cyan is low you don't have to replace all the other ones. The finished product is very consistent in image color and very resilient to scratches. Just remember to use thick paper (.07 mm or larger. I find .10 mm to be about right).

Desktop carnivorous plant set

Everyone has had a plant of some kind in his or her life, but they don't really do anything fun. They grow tall and drink water; that's all really. Well, how about a plant that actually does something cool? How about a plant that eats things right in front of you? This is an easy way to get a plant (7 actually) that does that. This is a very nice gift that takes some time to grow, but the fact that it does something and is a conversation starter is most likely all the incentive you need to actually keep this one alive.

Axis and Allies revised edition

Many of you may not even know about this game, but your parents will likely remember it. Axis and Allies is like a game of Risk set in WWII. You choose which of the major Axis (Germany or Japan) or Allied (The United States, the United Kingdom or The Soviet Union) nations you will play as. Then it's just a simple task of world domination to win. The different pieces on the map (aircraft carriers, bombers, tanks, etc.) change the dynamic of the game.

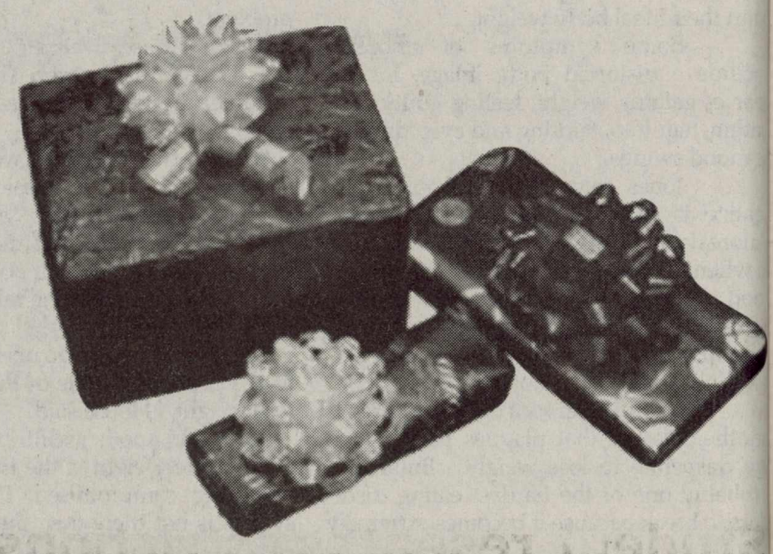
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OK, these are just too cool not to hang on your rearview mirror. For the Dungeons and Dragons player in your life (or Vampire: the Masquerade or any other paper-based RPG) these are the perfect gift. These 20-sided dice are stuffed and are a great gift when nothing else seems right.

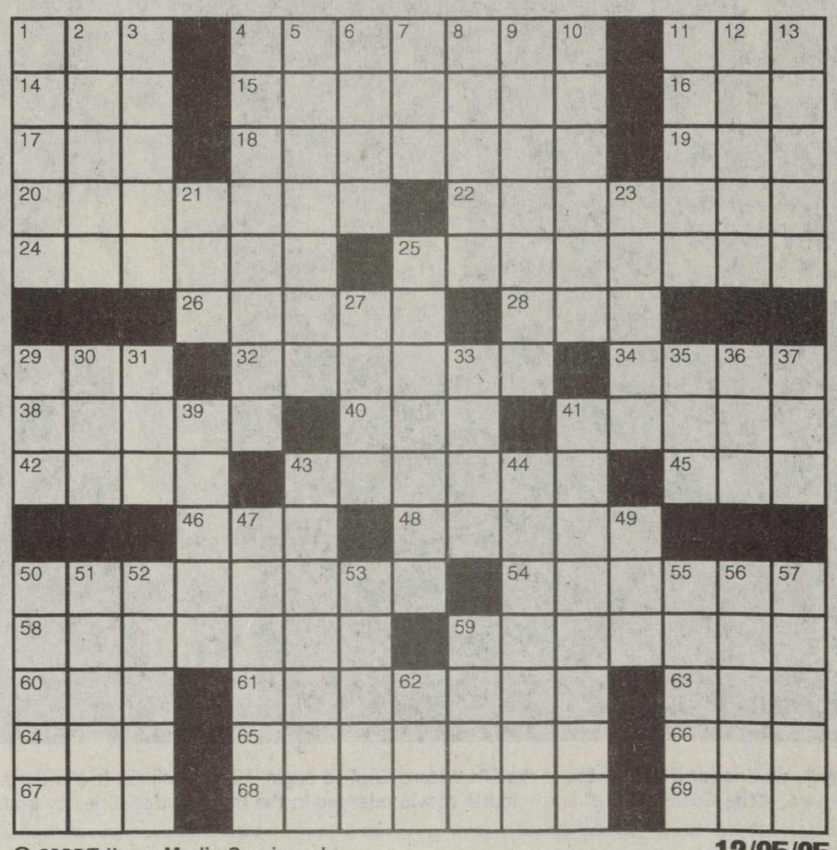
Pirates of Silicon Valley

This movie, originally a made-for-TV movie, was made in 1999 and showed the history of Microsoft and Apple. The time spans from the time of Microsoft being founded and the release of Windows 3. It's a great movie and for the most part a dead-on history of the founding of these two giants in computing. Its especially interesting because it shows how much Microsoft stole from Apple and how much Apple got from Xerox. Great movie overall.

The online version of this article will have links to the aforementioned gifts for your viewing and shopping pleasure.



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16 Tentacle
17 Hep dude
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26 Like some cereals
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Pro-choicer just wants everyone to get along



Aaron Pizzani
Sauce columnist

When I explained to someone that I was Pro-Choice she had the nerve to imply that I hated babies.

"Yeah, I kind of do," I explained, "but that's not why I'm Pro-Choice!"

This is the perceptions Pro-Lifers have towards those of us who are Pro-Choice. Well, most of the Pro-Lifers I seem to run into and spontaneously break into argument with, anyway.

Pro-Choicers don't necessarily hate babies. In my case hate is a strong word, but it sums up my discomfort with having to deal with a small, fragile human that I don't understand and doesn't understand me.

Once kids can at least argue with me about whether Spongebob is a sponge of the cleaning variety, or the sea dwelling variety that just happens to be square, then I start to like them.

Pro-Choicers aren't against people having babies. We aren't encouraging people to go out and get abortions. We want the option there.

On such a complex issue I can only speak for myself, but I tend to be correct most of the time so bear with me.

When does life begin? Well, life is everywhere if you're technical about it. You kill a few million when you brush your teeth in the morning.

Can we agree that human life begins whenever a soul, or some form of heightened consciousness above plants and rocks, begins in the human? When does that happen? We don't know.

Some believe the soul is there at conception. Some believe it is after birth. Some believe it is somewhere in-between.

I'd even argue that some people I run into are soulless altogether, but that's a whole other article. With so many opinions on when there is life within a human it has to remain a choice of the individual.

I'll admit that personally I hate abortion. I would never wish that situation on anyone and I would do everything I could to discourage it, except take the choice away.

In my perfect America, we'll call it Pizerica because I'm egocentric, the Pro-Choice people and the Pro-Life people would spend their time and resources on other, more effective ways to improve the life of parents and children.

Instead of spending money on bussing people to Washington D.C., spending money on the signs they hold up at the rally, and spending money on the lobbyist already there, why not spend that money on a better adoption system?

Why not spend that money on informing young people the importance of using protection along with abstinence being the only full proof protection?

Instead of applying guilt to would-be mothers with one-way tickets to damnation, why not lobby hard to put the message out there that there are alternatives?

Instead of abortion doctors being so willing to do the procedure, why not make sure the mother knows exactly what's going to happen, not only physically, but also psychologically. Even plastic surgeons do that much.

We don't live in Pizerica, though. We live in America, the imperfect, dirty, wonderful democracy that it is. So I hope that out there are people from Pro-Choice and Pro-Life camps working together to make this world better to bring a life into.

I haven't heard about them, and I don't see them on television anywhere, but I hope they're out there.

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Cable television's "all or nothing" subscriptions a rip-off

L. Brent Bozell and Gene Kimmelman
Courtesty KRT Campus

Three channels of MTV, hours of Spring Break coverage, four sarcastic and profane youngsters, and more violence than you care to see. Sound familiar?

So, if you never watch these channels, why do you have to pay for them? Three words: expanded basic cable. Consumers watch, on average, just 17 channels.

But to get them, consumers are forced to buy this bundle of channels because it opens up the universe of programming they do want, from Disney and Nickelodeon to CNN and C-SPAN to channels for sports fans and history buffs.

This "all or nothing" approach is more than just an annoyance, it's a consumer rip-off. And it forces parents to try to protect their children from cable programs they may consider unsuitable just to get kid-friendly channels.

There is something fundamentally wrong with requiring consumers to pay for a product they don't want and may even find offensive, in order to get something they do want.

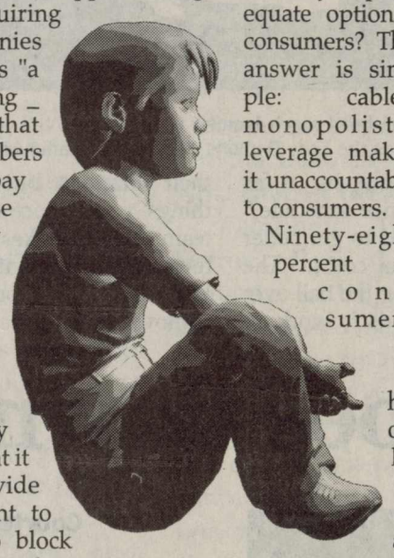
It would be unthinkable for a magazine publisher to tell you that in order to subscribe to the children's magazine Ranger Rick, you must also subscribe to Playboy and Guns & Ammo.

But that's exactly what the cable industry has been forcing cable subscribers to do for years. The practice limits choice, raises consumer costs, and prohibits new and independent programming on cable that may better reflect the diverse interests of viewers.

Despite political affiliations, there is one thing everyone can agree on: regardless of what programs consumers find objectionable and why, they should not have to pay for channels they don't want.

For consumers, the appeal of being able to choose which cable channels to buy is undeniable. And for parents who care about what their kids watch, the option is indispensable.

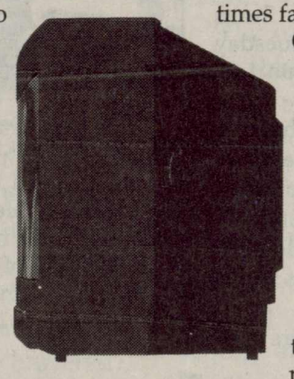
The cable industry knows there is growing consumer support for legislation requiring cable companies to provide this "a la carte" pricing _ an option that allows subscribers to select and pay for only those channels they actually want.



To counteract this growing consumer sentiment, the industry announced that it would provide free equipment to subscribers to block unwanted channels.

But of course, the industry puts the burden of blocking these channels on consumers, while still demanding they pay for those channels they block. This is an unacceptable option.

Why did it take so much public and congressional pressure for the industry to provide even this inadequate option to consumers? The answer is simple: cable's monopolistic leverage makes it unaccountable to consumers.



Ninety-eight percent of consumers have just one cable option where they live. If they do not like what that company offers, there are few places to turn.

The cable industry is now attempting to scare consumers by forecasting increased cable rates for unbundled cable packaging. It takes some moxie for the cable industry to feign consumer concern after unilaterally raising subscriber rates by more than 60 percent over the last 10 years _ two and a half times faster than inflation.

Cable companies claim the rate hikes are justified, in part, by the cost of providing new channels. But in many cases, the provider actually owns or is affiliated with these new channels.

While including their own programming in their expanded basic lineup, they also use their market power to exclude programs with more diverse content offered by programmers not affiliated with them.

It's one reason you probably won't find Faith TV, a Christian movie channel, on Time Warner, but you will find Turner Classic Movies, which the cable company owns.

And it's why you probably won't find CoLours TV, a diverse, ethnic channel, on Comcast, but you will find TV One, Comcast's own network for African Americans viewers.

The point is not that consumers should choose one of these channels over the other; it is that they do not now have the option of choosing both or neither. "A la carte" pricing could help break that logjam by letting consumers vote with their wallets.

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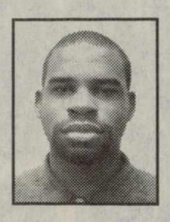
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Student resents restrictions on smoking

In times where tolerance is expected but hypocrisy reigns supreme, our society pretends to uphold personal choice for all; instead it condemns actions by passing outrageous laws. The people of whom I speak are smokers. Smoking is advertised as disgusting by wealthy politicians who have removed smoking areas from restaurants in major cities, airports, and even designating outside areas as non-smoking. Freedom does not exist for all; freedom exists solely for those who have the power to change it. If I believe the taste of a cigarette is delicious, or the feeling of the nicotine circulating through my body is wicked awesome, then no one should stop me from smoking. I cannot smoke in what was the smoking section in a restaurant, in those glass booths that used to be in the airport, and worst of all, outside the airport, parks, and places where you cannot smoke within a certain distance of establishments as prohibited by law. What has happened to the ability to enjoy life whenever and wherever you want without 'fatcat' boondogglers over hyping smoking? There is so much pollution, mold, and dust in the air as well as high levels of chlorine, arsenic, and iron in drinking water; why aren't the problems within control of the government eradicated? Smoking was chosen by vindictive people as an enemy of modern America that causes death, disease, and bad morals. But if I go to the airport to catch my flight and it's delayed and I cannot smoke so I wait for a few hours then get on the plane to find myself on the AB side next to a fat guy whose stomach jeopardizes my ability to fit in the seat, I have a higher chance of death, disease (obesity=disease, ha), and acquiring poor eating habits. Where is the congressional mandate disallowing fat people from impeding my safety with their weight and engulfing food like whale to a fish? But it is accepted because the people who make the laws are all fat anyway. The news recently stated that being a 40 year old life time smoker is equally unhealthy to being 40 and obese. If smoking in parents promotes the same in children and obesity in parents promotes the same bad habits to their children and causes the same damage, then how can one be degraded below the other? People should be able to do whatever they want; smoke or weigh 800 lbs. if they like, it does not matter as long as you are content with the way you are. So much time and money goes to anti-smoking while sickness kills people everyday. If they find a cure for cancer, then they couldn't complain about smoking; maybe that's why there isn't a cure.

Skylar de Brun, NSU student

NSU22 may deter aspiring journalists



Raymond Billy Jr
Sauce columnist

David Antilley, Director of the NSU 22 television station, has implemented a new policy for the network.

Beginning this spring, only students with a major or minor in journalism may compete for news and sports anchor positions on NSU 22 news. The policy may apply to the weather anchor as well.

The rationale behind this policy is that the news program was intended to be a learning laboratory for journalism students. Plus, journalism students pay for the production costs at the TV station, unlike the radio station, newspaper and yearbook, which are paid for by all students.

While I understand and respect this decision, I do not approve of it. I believe that this policy could possibly penalize aspiring journalist who are simply trying to be creative with their education.

Some students may become journalists and later become medical or legal correspondents for a news program. Others could be pre-law or pre-med and apply to a news program with the specific intent of landing reporting positions in their areas of expertise.

However, landing such positions will be more difficult without on-air experience at one's college TV station.

NSU's objective should be to help students accomplish their career goals especially when those goals are undertaken in a reasonable –though, maybe unconventional — way.

Another problem with this policy is that it might hurt NSU's efforts to attract additional students to the journalism department. There are probably many students who either have no intention of making journalism their career, or have not figured out what they want to do, who would be interested in being on NSU 22 news merely because they think it would be fun to be on television. Once involved with the news, the experience of reporting interesting and important stories may cause some students to catch the "journalism bug." Such students might proceed to change their majors to journalism or minor in the concentration. NSU 22 news should be used as a recruitment tool.

Some would argue that this strategy may or may not be successful; meanwhile, aspiring journalist may have to sit on the sidelines while some future IRS agent logs airtime. But it is not as if we do not have broadcasting classes.

I have worked with the T.V. station throughout this semester. The policy doesn't affect me because I am a journalism minor, but, I wouldn't want to be on the air if I knew that the only reason I made the cut was because someone more talented was not eligible to compete for a position. However, in the event that one anchor position came down to a choice between me and an equally qualified non-journalism student, than it would be perfectly reasonable for the position to go to me since, theoretically, I would derive a greater career benefit.

I think that the most prudent solution would be to even the playing field by charging a small tryout fee to non-journalism students who want to audition as anchors. That way, those students will be contributing to the program financially just as the journalism students are and would have a right to have equal access to the airwaves.

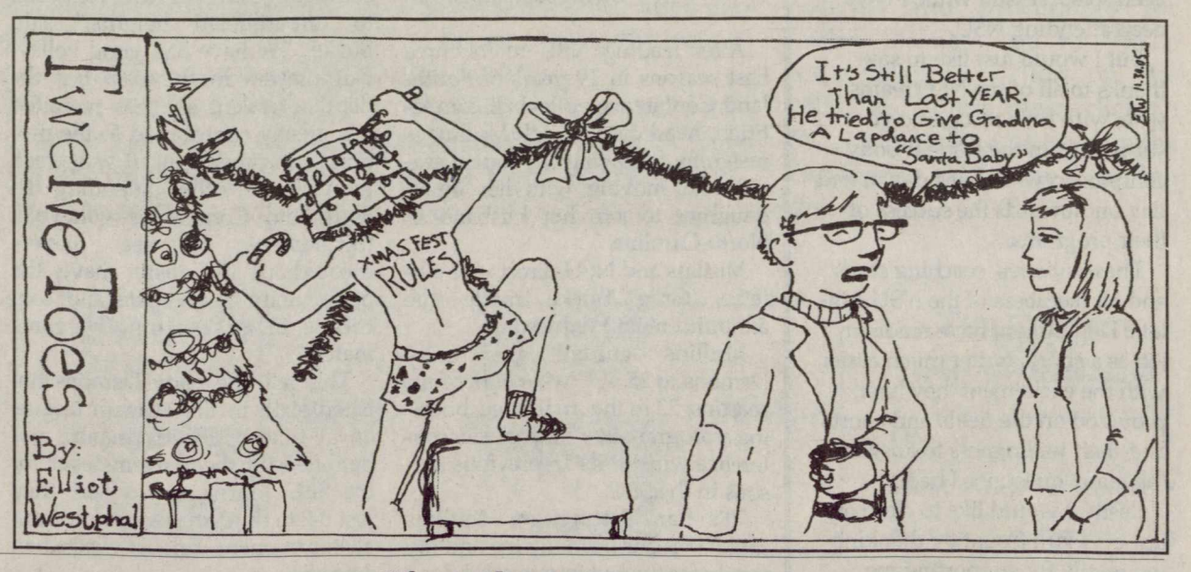
I hope Mr. Antilley will read this column and repeal his policy. If he doesn't, some very talented individuals may be excluded from tryouts come spring.

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The Full Count

The final hoorah!

First I would like to start off by saying if you haven't been paying attention to NSU sports while we were away for the holidays you missed out on some big wins by the Demons.

Congratulations to Coach McConathy and his Demons, who continue to play one of the toughest schedules in college basketball, and shocked the Bulldogs of Mississippi State, a member of the Southeastern Conference, in Starkville, Ms.

With only a few weeks remaining here, I couldn't have asked for anything better than to see a Demon squad take down not just a member of the respected SEC, but a college basketball team that has won 20 games and reached the NCAA Tournament the last four years.

Less than a week earlier, the Demons were in reach of a victory over Big 12 power Missouri, but fell behind late in the game after leading by as many as 12 points.

The loss to Missouri, although not statistically, could eventually prove to be a much more important game for the Demons than the win over Mississippi State.

McConathy will certainly have his team prepared to manage a lead much better throughout the remainder of this season after seeing what unfolded in Columbia.

The experience of McConathy's five starting seniors and what seems to be a bottomless bench behind them is going to be the key for the Demons as they attempt to repeat as SLC Champions; and hopefully this year they can take home the SLC Tournament crown which will earn them a birth into the NCAA Tournament.

The Lady Demon basketball team also downed tournament hosts Southern Miss on their home floor during the Lady Eagle Classic.

With a win over Centenary Tuesday the Lady Demons are riding a four-game winning streak. Hopefully Coach Jennifer Graf and her squad carry that excitement with them to Nevada where they take on Gonzaga.

If the Lady Demons can manage to back their road win at Southern Miss with a victory on the road over Gonzaga, this young team not only builds a lot of confidence in themselves and their teammates, but they are also getting the game experience that will prepare them for their SLC schedule.

One of the only unfortunate things about my graduating Dec. 16, barring any setbacks that I may face, is that I will not have the privilege of writing about these two programs that have been so successful while I have been attending NSU.

But I would just like to say thanks to all of the NSU teams who, with little recognition or support from the student body, continue to work hard day in and day out towards the success of their programs.

These athletes, coaching staffs and all members of the NSU Athletic Department have made my job as a sports writer much easier with the excitement they have provided on the fields and courts and their willingness to answer the many questions I had.

Lastly, I would like to close my last ever Full Count by thanking my family for supporting me through college, the journalism faculty, especially Neil Ralston, for teaching me the tools necessary for this position and getting me through plenty of Wednesday nights and all of The Current Sauce staff who have helped me through the last year.

Lady Demons ride win streak

By Justin Hebert
Sports Editor



Gary Hardamon/ NSU Media Service
Secon-year Lady Demon head coach Jennifer Graf has used the youthfulness of her basketball team and turned into hustle and hard work which has the Lady Demons riding a four game win streak which includes a win over Southern Miss.

Even after and early-season four-game winning streak, second-year Lady Demon basketball head coach Jennifer Graf is still not ready to admit that NSU's youthfulness is the best combination for a program, but it sure makes for a lot of hustle.

"They play with lots of energy," Graf said. "We are a young team in the sense that we still make mistakes, but even when they do they are playing hard."

Graf and her squad, which features only two starters returning form last year's squad in senior guard Sheronda Bell and junior guard Chassidy Jones, allowed Southern to conduct a late-game rally and pull off a 67-56 win in their season opener in Baton Rouge.

Since their loss the Lady Demons have been perfect, winning their home opener 84-74 over Texas A&M-Commerce and Tuesday came through with a dominating 78-56 win at Centenary.

Sandwiched between the two contests, NSU claimed the Lady Eagle Classic Championship with a 72-64 victory over Alcorn State on Friday and a 85-75 championship win over Southern Miss on Saturday.

"All of these games before conference are used to prepare us for playing our conference schedule," Graf said. "We need to get better on both ends of the court. The offense is still turning the ball over and our defense needs to work on their rotations, but those are the things you expect from a young team. Our mistakes are becoming fewer and fewer with every game. We need to work on getting more turnovers and steals which lead to scoring points. Playing good defense and rebounding is very important for us."

Graf had plenty to be happy about with the Lady Demons play during the tournament, especially that of guard Tena Matthews who was named the Lady Eagle Classic MVP and garnered Southland Conference Player of the Week honors. The sophomore averaged 16.5 points and 4.5 rebounds per game in the tournament, posting a career-best 22 point effort in their win over Southern Miss on their home court.

True freshman point guard Shonte Kennedy has also been a big boost for the Lady Demons early this season. Kennedy finished with career-highs in both points with 18 and rebounds with six.

NSU left Wednesday in preparation for Friday night when they tip off action in the Nevada John Ascuaga Nugget Classic against Gonzaga at 10 p.m. central time and then play either Nevada or North Colorado Saturday.

"We only have 11 games to prepare for conference so everyone is so important," Graf said. "It was a great experience and feeling to defeat a Conference USA team on their home court and in their own tournament. We play Gonzaga Friday and that game is huge for us. We look forward to the opportunity to play a good team on a neutral court.

The Lady Demons return home on Dec. 7 to host Southern Arkansas, which kicks off a three-game home slate in Prather Coliseum, where they have an 80.2 winning percentage.

Old rivalry goes down to the wire for NSU



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service
Senior forward Clifton Lee drives past a defender during NSU's home exhibition with Henderson State. Lee had 19 points and seven rebounds in a win at Centenary Tuesday and 11 points and 9 rebounds in the Demon's win at Miss. State.

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NSU was very determined and Centenary was very sharp.

That combination produced a gritty battle between the state's two oldest basketball rivals Tuesday night, with the visiting Demons rallying for a 76-74 triumph when senior guard Jermaine Wallace nailed a 3-point shot from the left corner opposite the NSU bench with 17 seconds left.

NSU survived a last-second 3-point shot by Centenary's Alexander Starr and moved its record to 3-1.

The Gentlemen dipped to 1-3 after losing to the Demons for a second straight season in an 84-year-old rivalry that is the oldest active series in state college circles.

"We're lucky to win this one," NSU coach Mike McConathy said. "Centenary played extremely well and had us on the ropes. Our guys were trying so hard to win the game that sometimes we got in our own way and made it tougher on ourselves, but they never lost faith that somehow we were going to pull it out, and we got it done."

Wallace scored 15 points, hitting half of his 10 shots, including 4-for-9 on 3-pointers. Clifton Lee led NSU with 19 points and 7 rebounds. Both seniors had big second halves -- Lee scored 14 and had 4 rebounds, while Wallace added 13 points.

Keenan Jones came off the bench to add 12 points, hitting 5-of-6 shots. Ten of his points came in the second half, as the Demons shot 61 percent and rang up 52 points after falling behind 30-24 at halftime.

Centenary finished with 57 percent shooting aim, led by Chris Watson, who sank 13-of-18 shots and scored a game-high 32 points.

NSU had a miserable first half outing. The Demons sank only 3 of their first 17 shots and wound up making just 10 of 35 (29 percent) while the Gentlemen sank 13 of 23 (56.5 percent). Centenary led by as much as 12, 22-10, and never trailed in the first period.

The Demons finally gained the lead for the first time with 6:07 to go on a layup by Jones capping a burst of eight unanswered points, six by Lee.

That was the first of 13 lead changes down the stretch with neither team leading by more than three points.

Centenary went ahead 72-69 with 1:34 to go on a Watson basket, but layups by Colby Bargeman and Luke Rogers put the visitors on top 73-72 with 54 seconds remaining.

Watson scored underneath with 35 seconds to go to push the Gents up 74-73.

McConathy inserted Wallace, who sat out much of the dramatic stretch, into the lineup, and the move proved golden.

Wallace took a pass from Rogers and hit the game-winning shot.

"We've won our three games by a total of six points, so being in a close one is nothing new," said McConathy. "That probably helped at the end. Wallace is such a great clutch shooter that when he got the ball, everybody on our team knew he was going to make that shot."

The Demons head on the road for a Saturday night game at Wichita State and a Monday night visit to Oklahoma State.

"We may see more talented teams ahead, but we won't see any who will play any harder or execute what their coach asked them to do any better than Centenary did tonight," said McConathy. "My hat's off to (first-year Gents head coach) Rob Flaska and his young men. They're a tough match up with so many quick smaller guys, and when they play as well as they did tonight, anybody would be lucky to beat them."

Centenary sank 7-of-12 on 3-pointers and benefited from 4-of-19 aim on 3s by the Demons, along with subpar 12-for-22 free throw aim from NSU.

The much-bigger Demons dominated inside play with a 42-29 rebounding edge as Lee and Bargeman each snagged seven.

Mullins retires for family after improved year

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After leading NSU to its three best seasons in 19 years of Southland Conference volleyball competition, head coach Leigh Mullins is resigning following her fourth season and moving with her infant daughter to join her husband in North Carolina.

Mullins and NSU director of athletics Greg Burke made the announcement Wednesday.

Mullins guided the Lady Demons to 25 SLC wins in her four seasons, 22 in the final three, boosting a program that had only 26 conference wins in its 15 previous seasons in the SLC.

"It's hard letting go," Mullins said. "This has been my life and my family for the last four years. I don't want to leave Natchitoches and Northwestern, and these young ladies, but my personal life has changed 180 degrees in the past few months. Now that I have a daughter, she has to come first.

Her resignation is effective Dec. 31. Burke said second-year assistant coach Brittany Uffelman will oversee the program at that time.

"Leigh has raised the profile and competitive level of NSU volleyball to unparalleled heights," said Burke. "We have had good volleyball players in the past but the depth of talent she has recruited has greatly contributed to the program's improvement. It was great, for example, while attending the Southland Conference volleyball tournament, to see players throughout the roster have the opportunity to compete and contribute in an exciting five-game match."

This fall, the Lady Demons finished sixth in the 11-team league, an all-time best performance, and qualified for the first time ever for the SLC Tournament, where they lost 3-2 to third-seeded and eventual tournament finalist Texas-San Antonio.

NSU (11-16 overall, 9-9 in the SLC) posted a school-record nine SLC victories, even in a hurricane-shortened season in which NSU missed a pair of games against teams that didn't qualify for the tournament.

This season's unprecedented success in SLC play followed a seventh-place 8-12 mark in 2004 that at the time easily ranked as the best showing by the Lady Demons in SLC competition. Even the 5-15 mark in 2003 represented the program's best conference winning percentage to that point.

Mullins gave birth to her first child, Avery, on Aug. 19, eight days before the Lady Demons began their season. Earlier in the year, her husband, Ty, was transferred to North Carolina. The Mullins were married before the 2004 season.

"It is, albeit regretfully, very understood by all involved that Leigh's decision to leave and move to North Carolina was made for family and personal reasons," said Burke. "It makes sense and knowing her passion for NSU and, in particular, its volleyball program, I admire her for making a choice which must have been difficult, even heart-wrenching.

"I am grateful to Leigh for her dedication to the volleyball program and to her student-athletes. I have enjoyed our working relationship and wish her, and her family, all the best," he said.Mullins capped her NSU head coaching career with a 45-83 overall record (.351) and a 25-53 (.321) mark in conference play after taking over a program that had won just 30.8 percent of its games overall and only 16 percent of its SLC contests under four head coaches prior to her hiring as head coach. She posted a 22-36 (.379) SLC mark in her final three seasons, going 17-19 (.472) in the last two years, including the .500 mark in 2005.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service
Lady Demon head coach Leigh Mullins yells out instructions during a stunning win over UTSA while senior Isabela Duarte and junior Janel Fisher listen.

"I loved working for Greg Burke and with administrators like (senior woman administrator) Julie Lessiter, and all of the great people in and around NSU athletics," Mullins said. "The campus and the community have been so supportive, which helped us get the program turned around and on solid footing where we can compete with the best teams in the conference."

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The Current Sauce welcomes submissions for **Campus Connections**, a free service to organizations planning events that will be open to NSU students.

Bring **Connections** to **Kyser 225G**, or e-mail them to **thecurrentsauce@gmail.com**. Please include a name and telephone number. We reserve the right to refuse any **Connection**.

Upcoming SAB elections

The Student Activities Board is looking for one Representative at Large and one Boozman Hall Residential Representative. Applications are available in Room 214 of the Student Union. Anyone applying for the Boozman Hall Residential Representative must reside in Boozman Hall. Any student may apply for Representative at Large. Applications are due by Friday, Feb. 10 by 4:30 p.m. in Room 214.

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Purple Jackets Membership Drive

NSU Purple Jackets are looking for women who meet the following qualifications:
-Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
-Member of at least two chartered organizations at NSU
-Must be classified as a junior as of the beginning of the fall 2006 semester
-Must be a full time student on the Natchitoches campus for at least 2 semesters
-In good standing with Northwestern State University

Applications are available in room 214 of the Student Union and are due by noon on Thursday, Feb. 9.

There will be a mandatory recruitment party at 9 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16 in the Alumni Center. The attire is Sunday best.

The Purple Jackets have served as the official hostesses of Northwestern State University since 1927.

Men's Basketball first annual chili cook-off

Students can attend the 1st annual NSU Chili Cook-off at the Southland Conference game on Saturday at 2 p.m. Businesses from around Natchitoches and departments from NSU will be entering their own chili to find out who makes the best batch.

Chili-tasting will begin at 1:30 p.m. before the tip-off. Tasting is free with a game ticket.

The winning entry will receive a custom engraved chili spoon and a $100 cash prize.
The 2nd- and 3rd-place finishers will receive a Chili's and a Blockbuster gift card.

Admission to the game and the chili-tasting is free for students.

If you have any questions, contact Tenille Fogel at 357-4278 or fogelt@nsula.edu.

Pre-law students receive helping hand, seminars

By Raymond Billy Jr.
Opinions Editor

NSU's Thurgood Marshall chapter of the National Association of Future Black Law Students has arranged to have a practice Law School Admission Test for students, group President Krystal Gipson said. The NAFBLS also plans to organize an LSAT preparation seminar.

The Kaplan Organization will administer both events, which are tentatively scheduled for March.

The LSAT initiatives were just a few of the many items voted on during the NAFBLS informational meeting and voting session on Monday in Friedman Student Union's Cane River Room. The LSAT programs will be open to all students.

Gipson stressed the importance of students attending these events.

"I would like for as many pre-law students as possible to attend because they (Kaplan) are going to give strategies, and our campus has never had an actual person to come in and give strategies," Gipson said. "Students definitely need to take advantage of that."

The group is also organizing a trip to the second annual National Black Pre-Law Admissions & Preparation Conference and Law Fair. The event will take place on Sept. 8 in Dallas. NAFBLS will only provide transportation to the conference for members of the group.

Gipson, a criminal justice major who was elected president on Monday, first initiated the idea of an NSU NAFBLS chapter last Spring. Gipson said she wanted to start a black student law association to help encourage more African Americans and minorities in general, to seriously consider law careers.

The group has been chartered, recognized by the committee on organizations, since last September, Gipson said.

In order to be recognized by the committee, the group had to put together a constitution and a set of by-laws and be backed by a petition signed by ten of the NAFBLS members.

Gipson recalled how she first got the inclination to start the NSU chapter from the Internet.

"National Association of Future Black Law Students came up, and up on the screen and I saw documents (that showed how to get chartered)," Gipson said. "When I read all the reasons why you would charter a black pre-law organization it seemed fitting for this university or any other university."

Gipson said in spite of the group's chartered status, there are still challenges to be maneuvered.

"I have spoken with our pre-law adviser about going to the other lawyers here in Natchitoches and talking to them about internships and fund raising and donating funds and things like that."

Gipson said she and Marcus Jones, the group's faculty adviser, did most of the early recruiting to spread knowledge of the group.

"Initially, I recruited people out of my criminal justice class and he (Jones) told me about some business majors who were interested in law school. So, I left some applications for him to distribute," Gipson said.

Gipson said the most important function of the group is that students know exactly where they can find advisers who can help them prepare for law school.

"Having someone who has been through that process is helpful to...students on campus. Although there is no given (pre-law) major, it would be good to go talk to a pre-law adviser that will tell you, you need to take courses that demand writing and logical reasoning and things like that," Gipson said.

In addition to serving the students of NSU, the NAFBLS will speak before students at Natchitoches Central High School and Lake Side High School. They will make these appearances in April and May, Jones said.

Jones also said community service is an important function of the NAFBLS.

"We envision providing them (high school students) with some insight into not just preparing for law but, preparing for college period," Jones said.

"I think a lot of times if they see an actual college student in the class-room talking to them, especially if it is an African American, a lot of times they are empowered to say 'I can do this as well.'"

A major accomplishment for the NSU chapter of NAFBLS was attending the first ever National Black Pre-Law Admissions & Preparation Conference and Law Fair, held in Houston last fall. Gipson said the Thurgood Marshall chapter played a role in organizing the venue for the conference.

Jones said the conference was important because it gave students an opportunity to interact with practicing lawyers, law professors and students at several different stages of law school.

At the event, Gipson won the Stellar Leadership Award for her initiative in getting the Thurgood Marshall chapter chartered. Jones said she deserved the award because she "really, really, really worked hard to get this off the ground." Jones stressed that non-black students should not be deterred from seeking services from the group.

"We want to make sure that people realize that, if they are interested in going to law school, this is the place to come so that we can answer whatever questions they might have, regardless of race," Jones said.

Online polices and procedures not quite student-friendly

By Katie Lopez
News Editor

With new polices and procedures being put into effect for online learning, one would think online classes would get harder, but these polices and procedures will make it easier for students to communicate with their teachers while taking online classes.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Thomas Hansen said these new polices provide standards for the instruction of teaching online courses.

The Southern Regional Electronic Board did an audit and review of NSU's online programs. The SREB suggested that NSU have campus-wide guidelines instead of just department guidelines, Hansen said.

"These new policies are not so much about the students as it is about the teachers. These polices are to make sure that the teachers are doing their job so that way the student can do theirs," Hansen said.

"Students tell you these horror stories about how the teacher logs online once at the begging of the semester gives the students their work, and then the students do not hear from them until the end of the semester," Hansen said. "We are trying to prevent this from ever happening again."

"We want for the instructors to interact more with the students and so there are certain guidelines that the professor must follow," Hansen said.

The following information is from the Guideline for Online Learning unless otherwise stated.

Some of the guidelines instructors must follow include logging on to the online course at least one time during the week to read messages posted by students and to respond to those messages.

Instructors will check e-mails on a daily basis and may take no longer than 48 hours to respond. And the instructor must provide feedback to students within a two-week period after they submit their work to the instructor for grading.

"We also want to make sure that the instructors are well prepared to teach online classes," Hansen said.

At NSU, each department head or dean is responsible for the evaluation of the content that is taught in each course.

If it is the instructors first time to teach an online course, they are assigned to a mentor who observes them throughout the semester.

The mentor must have prior knowledge of online teaching and must be there to answer any questions that the instructor may have throughout the course.

To read more about the new policies and procedures for online learning, go to NSU's homepage and click on the eNSU link. From there, click on Faculty Support and then on the Guidelines for Online Learning link.

Local Weather Forecast

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Obtaining teaching credentials made easy

By Katie Lopez
News Editor

NSU's alternate certification program is another way to earn a teacher's certification without stressing through four more years of college.

Dr. Vickie Gentry, interim dean of college of education, said the program was started because of the growing need for teachers.

In order to be admitted into the alternate certification program, an individual has to have at least a 2.5 GPA from an accredited university and must pass the PRAXIS I and PRAXIS II.

PRAXIS I is basic reading, writing, and math, while PRAXIS II focuses on the area in which and individual is seeking certification, Gentry said.

The following information comes from the NSU Alternate Certification brochure unless otherwise stated.

There are three types of programs one can go into when enrolling in the alternate certification program.

The first program is the practitioner teacher program or preparing responsive educators program, better known as the PREP program.

This program is very intense and requires nine hours of graduate study to be completed in a six-week summer session.

After completing the six-week session, the individual must complete six hours in the fall and spring semesters, three hours of internship each semester and 3 hours of seminar each semester.

Individuals must have the written guarantee of a teaching position in their certification area or grade following the summer classes, in order to be admitted to PREP.

The second program is for individuals who do not want to earn a Master's degree, do not qualify for PREP, or do not want to become certified on the "fast track" PREP program.

This program offers individuals the opportunity to get certified for teaching pre-kindergarten – 3rd grade, which is only offered with this program.

Individuals wanting to participate in the program can do so in the summer, fall, or spring semesters until they complete the program.

This program does not require a letter of intent to hire, and an individual does not have to be employed, but 24 hours of post-baccalaureate study and a one-year internship is required.

The last program NSU offers is the program of study for individuals who have a baccalaureate degree in such fields as industry, government, military, or human resources, have a Master's degree, and want to transition into teaching.

A letter of intent to hire is not required for this program. Three hours of post-baccalaureate study and a one-year internship is required.

A disadvantage of being in the alternate certification program is the individual does not get the full advantages that the undergraduate program offers.

In the undergraduate program, students have the advantage of 180 hours of field work and 180 hours of student teaching, so they are well-prepared when they start teaching.

Individuals who enter the alternate certification program might not be as well prepared as education majors, Gentry said.

Although an alternate certification program might work well for some students others have different opinions of it.

Lauren Day, a senior education major, said she thinks the alternate certification program is unfair.

"I feel like we are getting put through the ringer with all of the hours we have to put in to become a certified teacher," Day said. "But in the end I do feel that we are getting a better education and understanding of the teaching profession."

Debate in the making: SGA's spring speakers

By Jim Mustian
Sauce Reporter

The Student Government Association is one step closer to finalizing a debate of the U.S. Patriot Act between the governor of Colorado and the director of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The SGA passed a bill on Monday that would set aside $11,000 of student self-assessed fees for the event. SGA President Alan Sypert said the bill, if signed by President Randall J. Webb, would bring Gov. Bill Owens and Anthony D. Romero, the executive director of the ACLU, to campus later this semester.

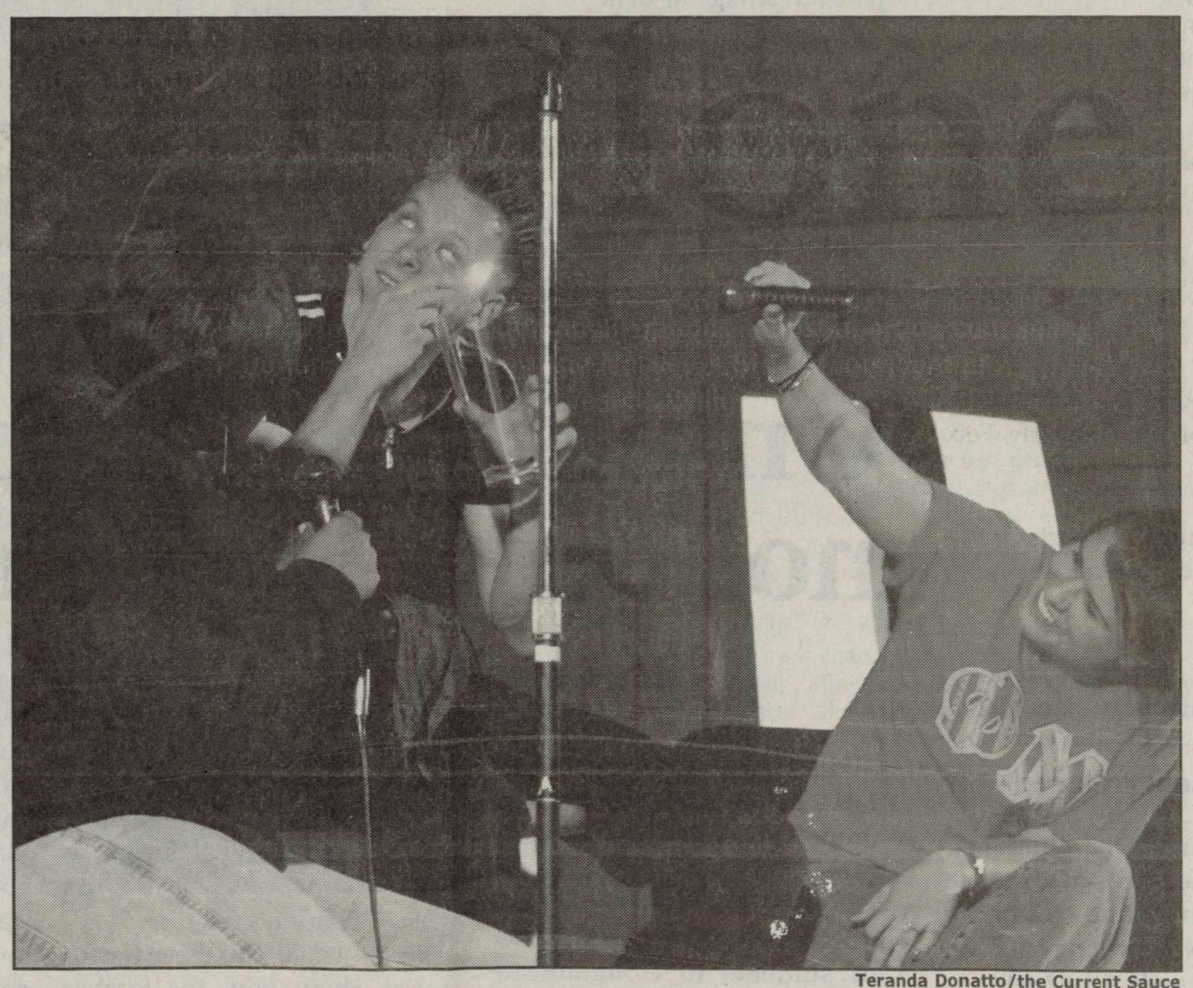
The SGA also approved a bill to place free scantrons and blue books in Watson Library. The scantrons are available upon request at the circulation desk. Students are permitted two sheets per day with their student I.D. and signature.

The test sheets will still be available in the SGA office, Room 222 in Friedman Student Union. SGA Treasurer Ifrah Jamil said the idea was proposed because the office is out of the way for some, and many students do not know the service is being offered.

Romero, the first Latino and openly gay man to hold such a position, is known for his involvement in public-interest activism.

He has nearly doubled the budget of the ACLU since taking office in September 2001.

Owens was re-elected in 2002 by the largest margin in state history. He has been credited with a record amount of tax cuts and a state-wide school reform during his tenure.



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Freshman Lela Coker and another NSU student assist Brian Brushwood during his "Bizarre Magic Show" as he performs a trick for the audience; inserting a nail in his left eye and removing it from the right. Brushwood performed a variety of tricks during the SAB sponsored event, including fire eating, ESP and a straitjacket escape in under two minutes.

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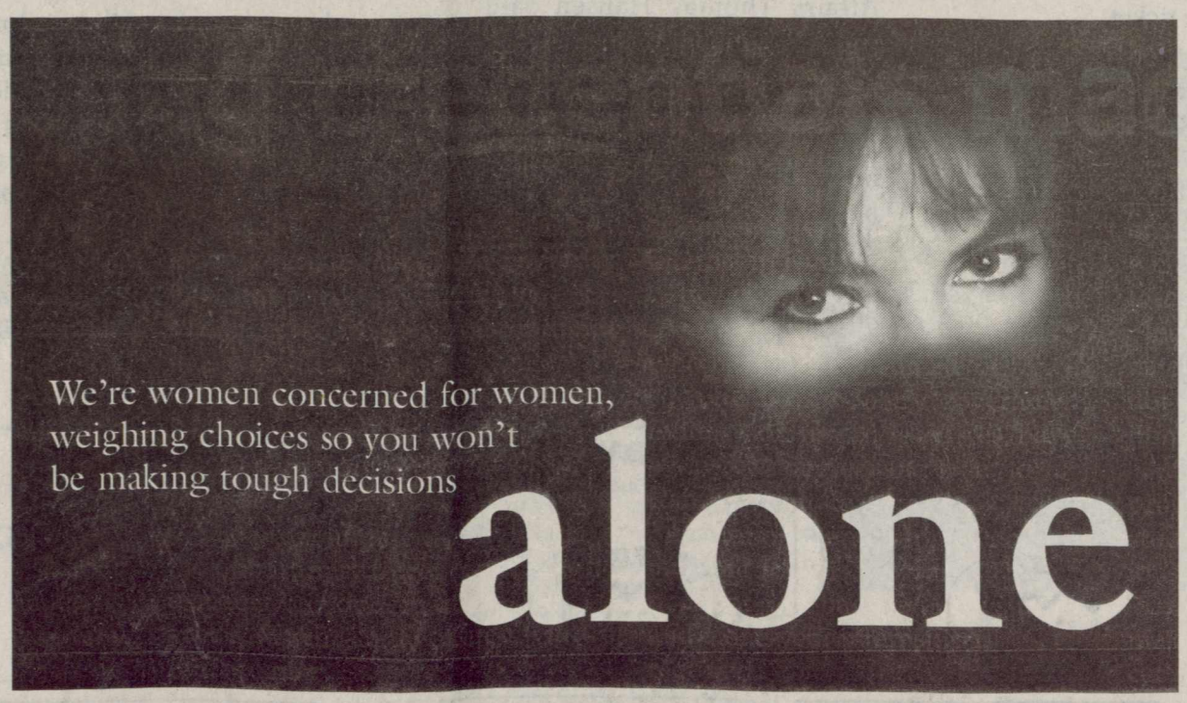
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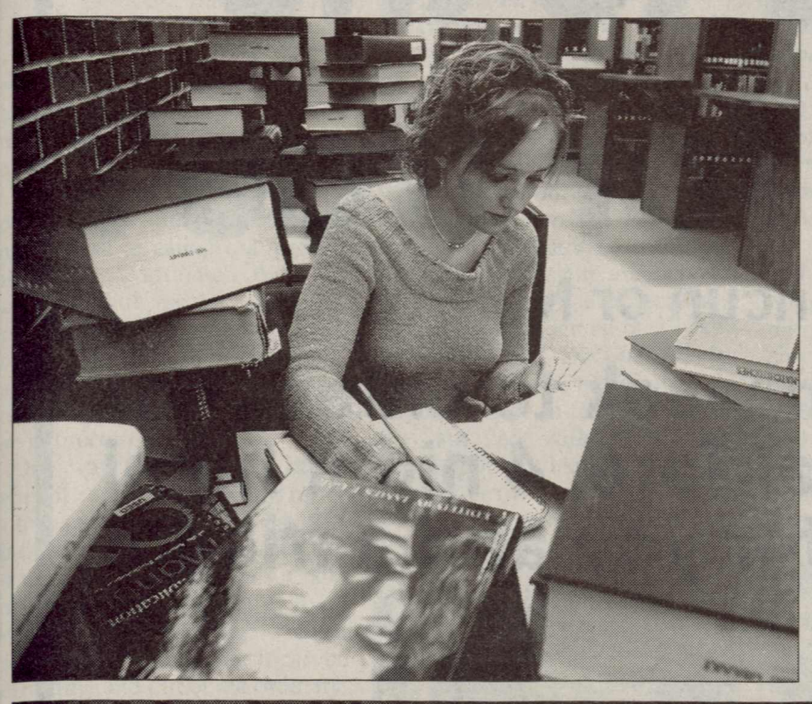
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stress: buffet style



Students are taking more out on their academic plate

By Lauren Sciba
Sauce Reporter

College is like a buffet.

Students go through the line putting a reasonable amount of everything on their plates – a little class topped with some homework, a side of clubs and organizations, sports, a job, and, for desert, some free time to maintain sanity. It is a diet of moderation for most college students. But have you ever wondered about those students who pile their plates high, or even use two or three plates and still come back for seconds?

Senior Kyle Harvison is one of these students. Harvison, a music performance major, carries 22 credits, five performing ensembles, two student organizations and a club sport on his plate. The maximum load an NSU student is permitted to take is 21 hours. How does someone like Harvison stay ahead of the game?

"Honestly, I don't have time to fall behind," Harvison said. "I do have a daily planner that keeps me up to par on when rehearsals are, when assignments are due, and other stuff that pertains to my classes."

Why would someone choose to have this heavy of a load? Isn't it painful to take on so much?

"It's kinda half and half. I like to have things to do, and I really do enjoy all of the extra curricular things that I do," Harvison said. "The other half is that all of the credits I'm taking are necessary to meet degree requirements. I also am required to be in the ensembles to fulfill scholarship obligations."

You know those people who like to eat a whole lot of just one thing? They eat an entire plate of mashed potatoes with a little side dish of peas. Tiffany Grissom is one of these people. Grissom is a freshman with enough credits to already be considered a sophomore. With 21 credits this semester, Grissom stays busy as a psychology major and a criminal justice minor.

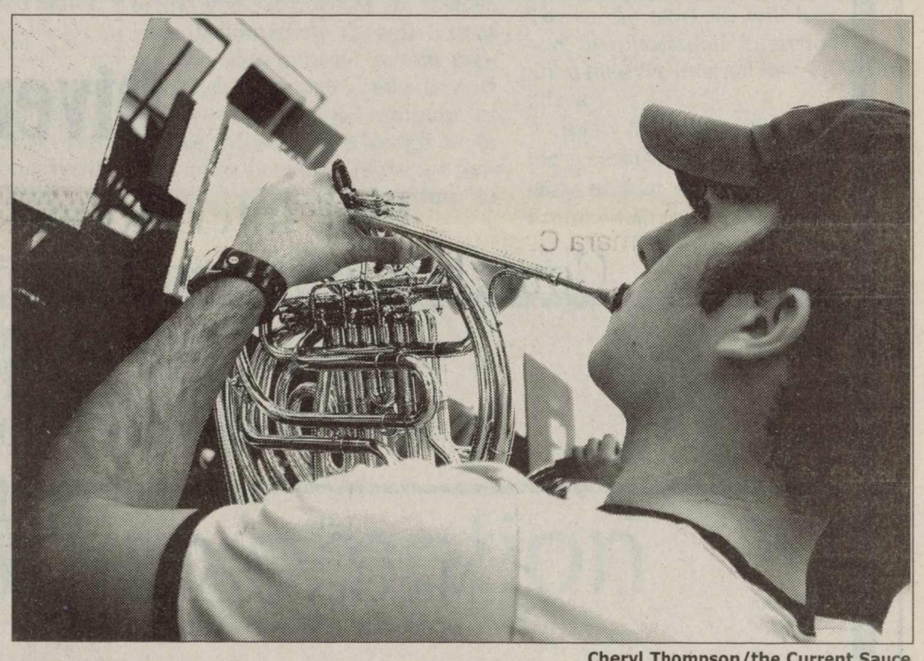
"I plan to graduate with my bachelor's in three years." Grissom said.

If you think that is ambitious, when asked how she keeps from falling behind, she responded:

"The first week of school I was given a lot of my homework assignments for the whole year, and that weekend I finished them, so I wouldn't have to worry about it for the rest of the year."

When both Harvison and Grissom were asked why they take full advantage of the all-you-can eat policy of the NSU buffet, their responses were the similar: Their long-term goals are worth the effort.

"I think if I have a career in music, I'll never work a day in my life," said Harvison. "That probably also goes into why having so much on my plate doesn't bother me."



Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce
Top right: Freshman Tiffany Grissom is studying extra hard to ensure her graduation from NSU in three years. *Center:* Food isn't the only thing students are piling on their plates these days. *Bottom left:* Senior Kyle Harvison finds it difficult to balance school with all of his music ensembles.

What's new in stores this week:



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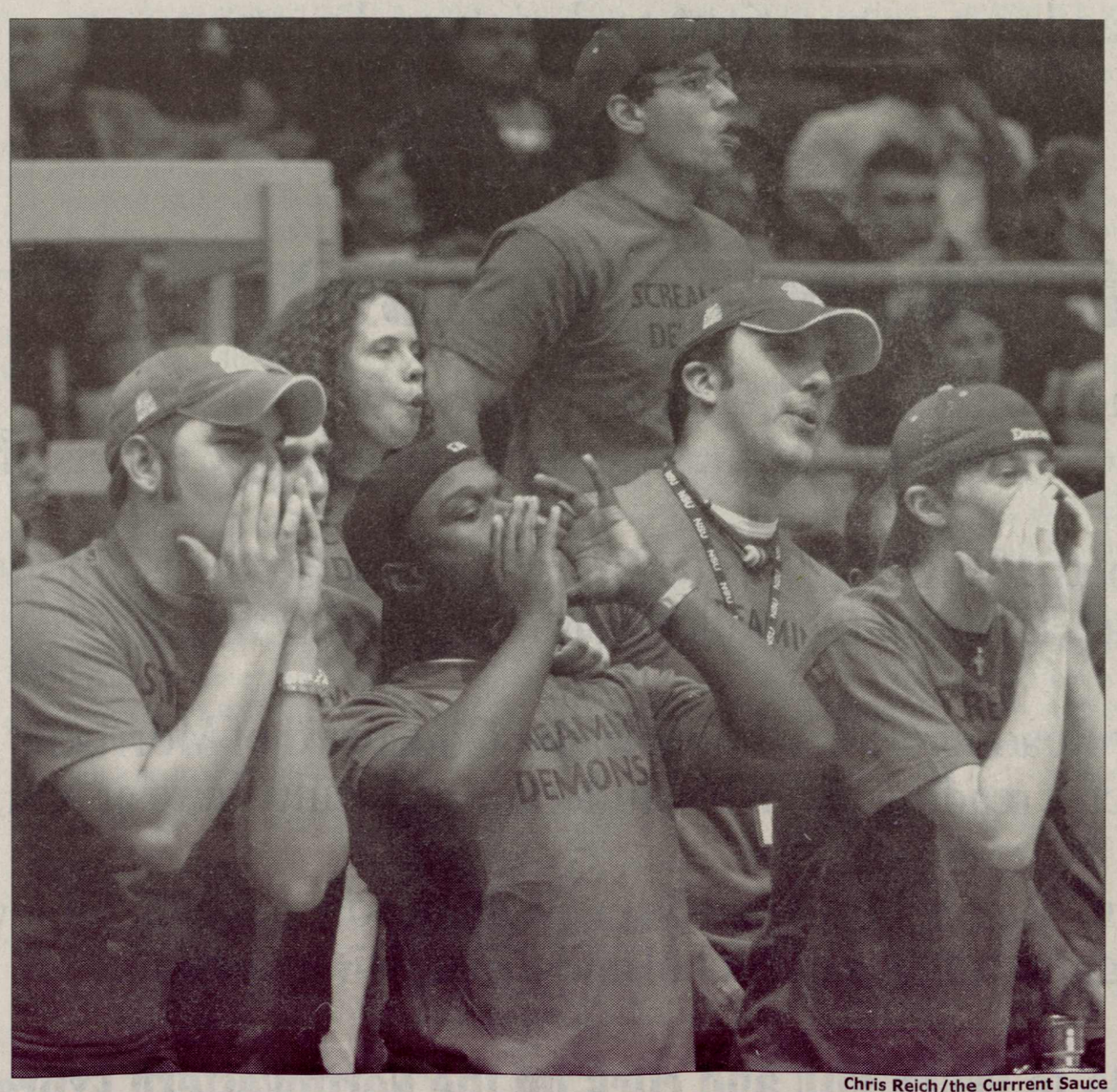
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'Punky' Demon fans 'raise hell'



Chris Reich/the Currrent Sauce
The Prather Punks Daniel Williams, Sherman Desselle, Kyle Harvison and Alan Brawdy cheered on the Lady Demons at the UT-Arlington Game. Although the game was a loss for the Lady Demons, the Punks still helped the team put up a good fight.

Andi Bass
Sauce Reporter

Fans cheering, flags waving.

Punks 'punking?'

That's right, you heard it. Punks.

The Prather Punks are determined to reinvigorate school spirit at the Demon and Lady Demon basketball games.

According to Prather Punks president, senior music education major Alan Brawdy, the group got started last spring by four Demon fans who wanted to get more involved in the games. This semester the group became a recognized student organization (RSO) with a mission to fill the stands.

To increase student participation, the group (along with the SGA) created student section passes, made a group on Facebook.com and handed out free t-shirts. However at the games only a small fraction of the 200 students with passes can be found in the student stands.

A student cheer section like the 'Punks' help the team because unlike other sports, the fans are close in proximity to the players and can actually be heard.

Sophomore English major Sarah Berry thinks the support really helps.

"The players can hear you when you're down there. It distracts the other team too," Berry said.

And the players definitely hear these "Screamin' Demons."

"The team loves it. We've heard from the players that the 30 or 40 people in the corner really pumps them up," said Harvison.

Evidently, the cheering has worked. The Demons have won all of their home games and the Lady Demons have won six of their seven home games. Both teams have only won half of their away games.

Trying to combat the teams average performances on the road, the Punks attend away games whenever possible. The group was even able to make it to the NSU vs. LSU game in Baton Rouge last year.

So how do you get involved? Do you have to have a GPA of 3.0? Do you have to cook the team dinner?

No. The organization is open to anyone.

"We would like to get a solid section of students," said Brawdy hoping for more support.

Still riding high off of the Triple Crown, student athletic support should be at an all time high.

Ines Flores, sophomore biology major, pointed out that this could be one of the best seasons yet.

"I think they can make it to March Madness this year," said Flores.

With talented team players backed by student support, the members of the Prather Punks hope to help carry the teams to another championship season.

So what does this mean to the players?

Team forward DJ Ross says, "Ya'll don't know how much it means to us…to see them cheering and acting all crazy in the stands. We think it's amazing."

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Feb. 22 - "Olympic Challenge: Go for the Purple, Green and Gold" 3 p.m.
Join the WRAC staff in this event that will test your Olympic Skills

Feb. 23 - "Krewe of NSU" 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.
Mardi Gras Ball with mini float competition, free food and a performance by Innercity All-Stars. Make your reservations in Student Union room 214.

Diversity Week (March 6-9)

Free International Coffee and Pastries from 9-11 a.m. all week.
Come by the Student Union Ballroom for free coffee and pastries in the mornings all week long

March 6 - "Slam Poets" in the Student Union Ballroom
Free poetry reading by Mayham Poets

March 7 - "Ain't I a Woman" 7:30 p.m. at A.A. Fredricks Auditorium
Musical one woman show

March 8 - "Diversity Bingo" 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom
Play bingo to win great prizes

March 9 - "Diversity Trivia Game Show" 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom
Come play and answer questions to show how diverse you are.

Lets talk about... (April 3-6)

April 3 - "Faces of Meth" 11 -1 in the Student Union Lobby
Come get a makeover by the Theatre Department to show the negative effects of the drug.

April 4 - "Massages from the WRAC Masseuses" 11-1 in the Student Union Lobby
Get a free massage from the skilled masseuses at the WRAC.

April 5 - "Poetry Reading" 12:30 p.m. in the Courtyard of Morrison
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Simple meals can curb appetite and save money

By Lela Coker
Sauce Reporter

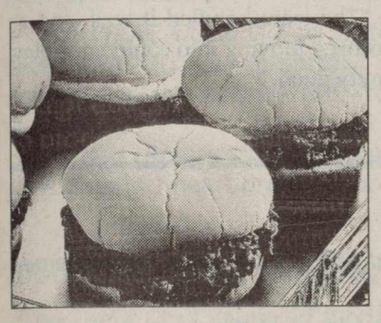
Eating is an important part of every college student's daily routine. Students incorporate food into socializing, studying and easing stress.

The money students spend on food can get extreme when figuring the cost of eating out once or twice a day. Fortunately, there is a solution. With proper planning, cooking and preparing your own food can save money. It can also be healthier because it cuts down on the amount of preservatives that are in processed food.

One way to stretch the dollar when it comes to preparing meals is to plan ahead, make a list, and find a common ingredient that can be used in a series of meals. Cooking can also be a fun activity to do with friends. Preparing a meal together and then eating it can be rewarding and out of the ordinary.

Let's take hamburger meat for an example. Four pounds of hamburger meat can prepare four meals. Time can be saved by browning and draining all four pounds the first day. Then divide the meat equally into four freezer bags.

Here are a few ideas for meals using hamburger meat:



Day 1- Sloppy Joes and baked potatoes

Ingredients:
-one freezer bag of hamburger meat (one pound)
-1/4 cup brown sugar
-one tablespoon dried minced onion,
-one teaspoon cumin,
-one teaspoon garlic powder
-one teaspoon chili powder
-one 15-ounce can of tomato sauce
-one tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
-1/2 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350. Wash the potatoes, wrap them in foil, and place them in the oven. Thaw the hamburger meat in a saucepan then add the brown sugar, minced onion, cumin, garlic powder and chili powder. Stir in the tomato sauce, Worcestershire sauce and salt. Allow it to simmer over medium heat until flavors are blended. Serve on toasted hamburger buns. This can also be served over baked potatoes or with crackers. A helpful hint for a quick meal is to make an extra recipe to freeze in muffin tins sprayed with Pam. After frozen, pop out like ice cubes and store in the freezer. Each cube is the perfect size to heat up and eat however you like.



Day 2- Taco soup

Ingredients:
-one freezer bag of hamburger meat (one pound)
-one package of taco seasoning
-a 14-ounce can of chicken broth
- one cup of Picante sauce,
-one 11-ounce can of mexicorn or plain corn
-one 15-ounce can of pinto beans

Thaw the hamburger meat in a saucepan over medium heat. Mix in the taco seasoning. Next add the chicken broth, Picante sauce, mexicorn and pinto beans. Let it simmer until the flavors blend. Serve with tortilla chips. Left over soup can be refrigerated and reheated.



Day 3- Cornbread Deluxe

Ingredients:
-two packages of cornbread mix
milk
-one pound seasoned hamburger meat
-1 1/2 cups grated cheese
-one 15-ounce can ranch style beans

Preheat oven to 375. Prepare the cornbread using 1/8 cup more milk than the directions call for. Spray an 8 X 8 inch pan with Pam and pour the cornbread mix into it. Sprinkle the hamburger meat over the cornbread. Spread the grated cheese over the meat. Mix up the other package of cornbread mix, still using 1/8 cup more milk, and pour evenly over the cheese. Bake for 30-35 minutes. Serve with the beans.



Day 4- Beef, beans and rice

Ingredients:
-a pound of cooked and drained hamburger meat
-one small finely chopped onion
-1/2 cup uncooked white rice
-one 15-ounce can ranch style or pinto beans
- one 15-ounce can Rotel tomatoes
-two teaspoons salt
-1/4 teaspoon garlic salt

Using a large skillet over medium heat, start with the hamburger meat then add the onion and white rice. Cook a few minutes to allow rice to brown slightly. Next add the ranch style beans, Rotel tomatoes, salt and garlic salt. Adjust heat to medium low. Cover and allow rice to steam and cook. Do not lift the lid for 30 minutes. Serve with a fresh green salad or green beans.

Planning ahead can make cooking easy and stress-free. It can also save money by providing a meal for more than one person and leftovers.

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Fashionable Focus

Glow from the inside-out this year: get an early start on living healthy

Wow. It is 2000-freakin' 6 already. Who would have thought that 2005 would have come and gone already? Well, I had hoped it would. 2005 was a really crappy year for me. Between dealing with a cancer tumor and going through a rough breakup, my year completely sucked. Remember I wrote that little column on "shopping as therapy?" Yeah. I have no more credit left after that. So that was a bad idea. However, I did stick with one thing I wrote about in that column, and that was my diet and workout plan.

Want to hear the good news? I have lost 23 lbs. since August. And guess what? I did it the right way, too. No super fad crash diets for me. No puking up the delicious meal I ate earlier. And definitely no chaining up the refrigerator to keep me away from my favorite snacks. There was a bit of self-control involved (I did slip every once in a while, though) and there was definitely a lot of support from my roommates and family.

So here's my secret. I didn't diet and exercise more regularly so I could be 23 lbs. thinner. I did it because my doctor told me I needed to start thinking about the future.

Now, I was never really "fat" in the first place. I'm 5'9"and I think the weight then was a pretty "acceptable" weight (165 lbs.). However, I knew that I wasn't healthy, and that was the important thing. I needed to be healthier. Knowing that I was on Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) made me think of how high my risk is of getting breast cancer was. It also made me think about how heart disease is the number-one killer among women in the United States. Pretty scary, huh?

I thought so.

That's why I had to do something. I had to prevent bad things from happening to my body. I want to live to see my graduation. I want to live to see my grandchildren one day. I want to live to see Fashion Week in New York one day! I want to be healthy for a lifetime. So that is why I first started by setting a realistic goal. I set a goal weight, a goal metabolism rate, and a goal strength amount. I was ready to be fit—and so can you.

Set your goals first. Then follow the few steps below:

One of the first steps in getting healthy is to start checking out labels.

We really have no control over what corporations put in their products, but we do have control over what we put in our bodies. Making sure you read a label thoroughly will enable you to accurately measure and observe the elements you consume each day. Look for the amount of saturated fat, total fat, cholesterol, and calories in a serving of the product. Compare similar products to find the one with the least amounts. If you have high blood pressure, do the same for sodium. Look at the ingredients. All food labels list the product's ingredients in order by weight. The ingredient in the greatest amount is listed first. The ingredient in the least amount is listed last. To choose foods low in saturated fat or total fat, limit your use of products that list any fat or oil first--or that list many fat and oil ingredients. If you are watching your sodium intake, do the same for sodium or salt.

Perform a test to figure out your BMI (Body Mass Index).

The BMI was developed as a simple guide to assess your weight. This tool is an inexpensive, easy way to compare your body weight to the general population. It does have its limitations, though. It does not take into account certain people, such as athletes, that have a higher than average amount of muscle. Muscle does weigh more than fat so these people may be considered overweight according to the BMI chart. Whether this puts them at a higher risk for disease is still unclear. Anyone who is overweight is at a higher risk of developing problems such as osteoarthritis. Our bodies are designed only to carry so much weight. Conversely, the BMI chart may put a person with too little muscle mass in the healthy range. This can include elderly and malnourished people who may obviously have health problems.

Figure out a way to get active.

We've all seen the advertisements for "Verb," a television campaign designed to inspire children of all ages to just get off of the couch and start doing something active. Although it is a great thing to do more activities throughout your day, it is not all you should do. It is suggested that in order for one to lose any kind of weight the right way, you must obviously burn more calories than you take in. These means designing a workout plan that works for you. For some, running three miles a day works (although they won't be able to use their knees when they're 30 years old). For others, it's swimming or riding a bike. Whatever you decide is the right activity for you, keep it up. Don't just do it until you've reached a "goal" weight. Keep it up! For women, the best thing you can do for your body is strength training. You should also do a good cardiovascular workout at least three days per week. The strength training is to keep up your bone-density. By keeping your bones in top condition, you will lessen your risk of osteoporosis (even if you are genetically linked to it, like I am.). The cardio workout will help prevent a myocardial infarction (no, not a massive internal fart—a heart attack!).

Follow these steps and start leading a healthier life. It's never too early to start thinking about your future vitality.

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OPINIONS

Abortion foe argues for health exemption



By Raymond Billy Jr.
Opinions editor

The Roe v. Wade ruling was one of the darkest moments in the history of this country. The notion that a fetus is not a being with a right to live is beyond me.

I can't think of a circumstance in which abortion should be permitted except one: allowing the procedure to protect the health of the mother. Such an exemption is missing from the federal ban on late term abortion and many state statutes requiring parental consent or notification for minors seeking the operation.

In 2004, the First Circuit Court of Appeals struck down a New Hampshire law that required minors to give parental notice before having an abortion. The ruling was justified by the lack of a health exemption.

Last week, the Supreme Court told the lower court to review its ruling that the New Hampshire law was unconstitutional. The court ruled that striking the entire law because it omitted a health exemption was too severe.

One of the biggest problems that I have with people as far as their politics are concerned is that many people take extreme positions on issues. On the pro-choice side, for example, an extreme position is that a minor should be allowed to have an abortion without parental consent. A tired but apt line of reasoning that debunks this point of view is that minors can't have their ears pierced without parental consent, so how can they make a decision that will have lasting emotional and psychological ramifications without the counsel of a guardian?

On the pro-life side, an extreme position is that abortion should be banned for minors under all circumstances barring parental consent, even when the procedure would spare the mother's long-term health. How on earth can anyone claim to be pro-life and not care about the quality of life - and, possibly, the ability to conceive in the future - of a pregnant woman?

Not to say that those on the pro-life side do not care about a mother, but it seems obvious to me that many of them rather risk a mother's health than a fetus', which could be saved if the mother's parents steer her in the direction of carrying a child to term.

The New Hampshire attorney general argued in front of the Supreme Court that in lieu of what the state would deem a vague health exemption, a physician could pursue what is called a judicial bypass, where a physician could go to a judge and say that he must perform an abortion to save a mother's long-term health.

But judges are not medical experts, and those who favor a health exemption fear that, because parental consent laws do not define what would be a legitimate discharge from the law, many doctors would be unable to receive a bypass from the law because of uninformed or ideological judges.

Opponents of health exemptions argue that an exemption could be used frivolously to terminate a fetus because the mother has a tooth ache.

I am worried that the lack of such an exemption would cause serious damage to a young woman who rather take that risk then disappoint her parents by telling them she is pregnant.

In writing this column, I tried to think of some sort of clear language to express what a legitimate health exemption would be. The fact of the matter is I couldn't think of anything that wouldn't sound vague. But, as much as I abhor abortion (I use the word abhor because the word hate is so overused that its meaning has been watered down), I rather have a vague health exemption that protects a mother's well-being than no exemption at all.

It pains me that so many on the pro-life side are using parental consent laws to prevent abortion rather than protect the emotional stability of teens who can't possibly understand the magnitude of a decision to end a pregnancy.

Pro-lifers realize that the lack of a health exemption, coupled with a minor's willingness to risk harm rather than inform her parents of a pregnancy, will prevent many abortions from occurring. But, because many such laws have been struck down all together simply because they contained no exemption, law makers should wise up and use parental consent or parental notice laws for the right reason: to maintain parental authority.

Health exemptions are not the enemy of the pro-life movement, Roe v. Wade is. If abortion is ever ruled unconstitutional, which, sadly, probably won't happen, there should always be provisions in place to protect a mother's health.

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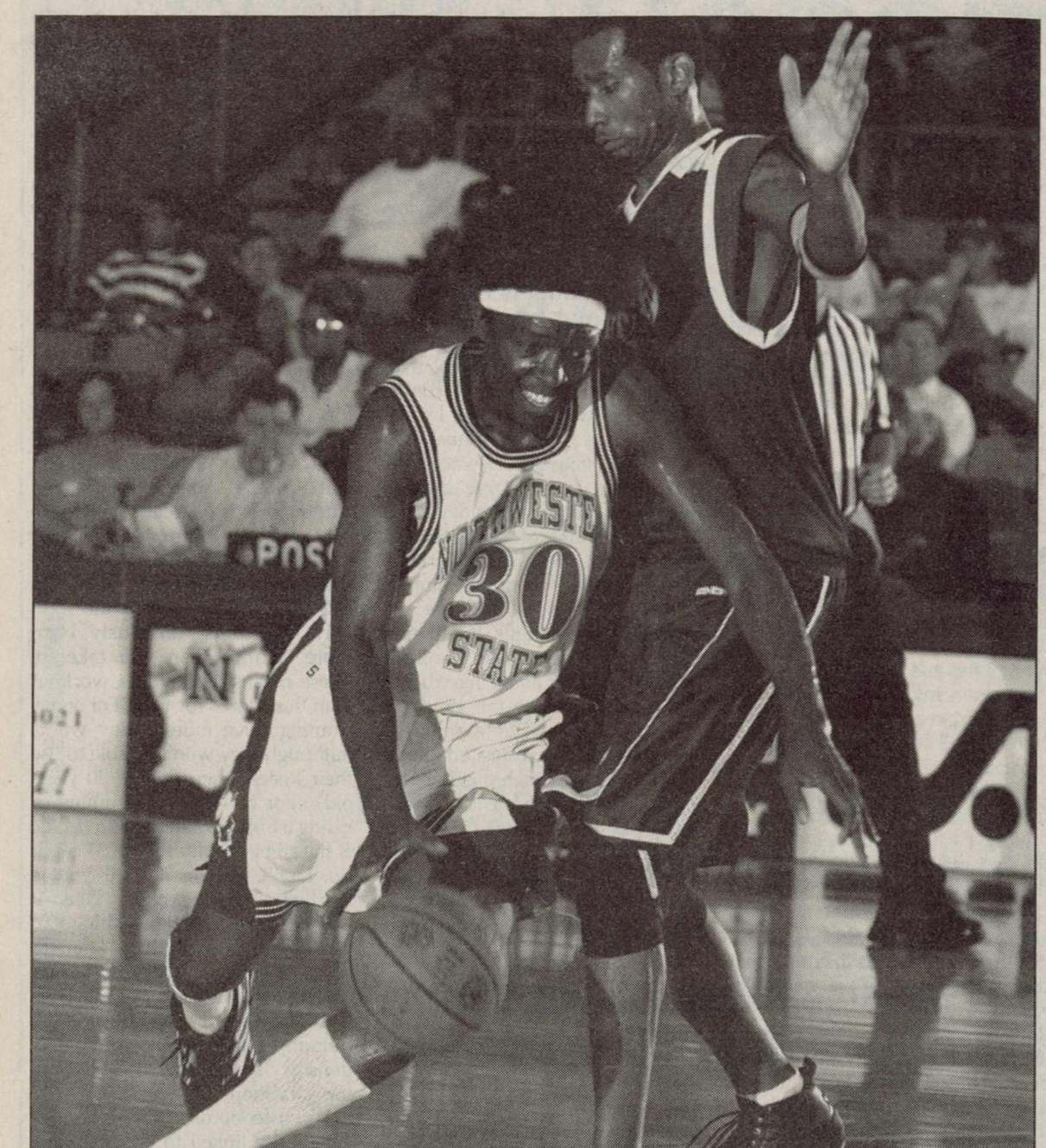
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Demons take on Roadrunners

Team plans to step up to bring home another win



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Services
Senior forward and NSU leading scorer, Clifton Lee in a game against Henderson State in November.

By Leigh Gentry
Sauce Reporter

The NSU Demon basketball team will go up against the Roadrunners from the University of Texas in San Antonio on Wednesday, January 28th. The two teams will compete at Prather Coliseum on NSU's campus at 6:30p.m.

At this point of the season, the Demons have collected 10 wins and 6 losses, while the Roadrunners have an 8-9 standing.

NSU's team has a unique situation according to Mike McConathy, head coach for the Demons. Playing time is spread out over most of the players, with eleven of them averaging over ten minutes a game. McConathy instills in his players teamwork.

He believes that the most valuable player is the team. He chooses to spread the playing time over the players, because any given night someone might step up. He gives each of his players the chance to step up when on his night.

The coach tries to make the season about more than just basketball. He believes in knowing oneself as a player and a person and identifying and accepting that in order to be successful in the game. McConathy puts the focus on education as well as the team's playing capability.

Some of the players to notice on Wednesday are the three leading scorers for the Demons.

Clifton Lee, a senior biology major at NSU, ranks as the leading scorer and 20th on the Demons' career rebounding list. He is also a member of the 2005-2006 All-Southland Conference Preseason Second Team and sports the no. 30 on his jersey.

The second leading scorer is Jermaine Wallace, who wears no. 23 for the Demons and is a part of the 05-06 All-SLC Preseason First Team. He is ranked 20th all-time on the Demons' career scoring list.

No. 12 Luke Rogers follows Wallace in scoring for NSU basketball. He attended Eastfield Junior College before coming to Northwestern and helped them win a conference championship.

Another player to notice is one on the opposing team, the Roadrunners' no. 3 Andre Owens.

McConathy warns his team about Owens, saying "If he gets going he can create real problems."

McConathy also describes Tim Carter's basketball team at UTSA as a very talented team. He sees this Wednesday's game as a good opportunity to log a win, as long as the team does what they do well.

McConathy says that his team has done extremely well in preseason games, which turned out to be highly competitive.

The Demons' preseason was ranked the seventh most difficult and included wins against Oklahoma State and Mississippi State as well as a narrow defeat from Iowa.

When asked about the preseason, Coach McConathy said, "The team handled it well, and as long as we stay focused moving into conference play, then we can be pretty good."

Demon Basketball

Dates and times of remaining homegames

- Jan 26 - Texas-San Antonio, 6:30 p.m
- Jan 28 - Texas State, 2 p.m
- Feb. 2 - Sam Houston State, 6:30 p.m
- Feb. 9 - Texas-Arlington, 6:30 p.m
- Feb. 11 - Louisiana-Monroe, 2 p.m
- Feb. 23 - Lamar, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 25 - McNeese, 2 p.m.

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Demons attempt 10th SLC baseball title

Courtesy of Sports Information
www.nsudemons.com

Last season, the NSU Demon baseball team achieved some impressive feats: 41 wins, Southland Conference regular season title, an at-large bid to the NCAA Baton Rouge Regional, and a national ranking for much of the season.

Sure, the SLC Player of the Year Blake Jones and NSU pitching leader Daniel Lonsberry are gone from the team, but 2006 could prove to be an even brighter season for the Demons as the team opens practice on Saturday.

"This team is certainly talented enough to duplicate a lot of feats that were accomplished last year," said fifth-year head coach Mitch Gaspard, the 2005 Southland Conference Coach of the Year. "We have the bulk of our position players back. That should give us tremendous leadership both on and off the field."

Gaspard will welcome the most experienced team in his career, and perhaps, the most experienced squad in school history with seven position starters and three starting pitchers returning. The roster includes 11 seniors and 11 juniors and the Demons are the favorite to win their 10th SLC title.

One of those returners is all-SLC first baseman Bobby Barbier. The four-year starter will enter the season a career .287 hitter. He hit a career-best .296 last year with four home runs and 33 RBI's.

Second baseman Brandon Morgan returns as the starter for the fourth straight season after having a down year at the plate with a .265 average last season. However, Morgan, who posted career-highs with eight home runs and 49 RBI, will carry a .287 career mark into the new year.

The left side of the infield will consist of four-year starting shortstop Scott Pittenger (.246 career average) while the third base position will be a battle between a handful of newcomers, with the likely choice being Louisiana Tech transfer Randall Lilly.

At catcher, the Demons will turn to part-time starter Michael Flower to take the role full-time as 2005 all-SLC catcher Marty Dewees makes a move to the outfield. Flower, another senior in the lineup, has a great arm and good vision of the field. He batted .283 last season with three home runs and 25 RBI in just 35 games.

The outfield is just as experienced.

Dewees, a second team selection on the all-conference team as catcher last year, earned a spot on the Baton Rouge All-Tournament team after hitting nearly .600 in the Demons' three games.

The speedster finished third on the team in hitting with a .339 average in 53 games. He also had 25 RBI's and recorded a team-high of 20 stolen bases.

Joining Dewees in the outfield will be four-year starter Michael Palermo and slugger Miles Durham. Palermo hit .279 last year with two home runs and 20 RBI in 55 games while Durham hit .242 with six home runs and 19 RBI in 49 games.

The Demon pitching staff will be young again this year, but well experienced.

Returning starters Dereck Cloeren and Kyle Broughton established themselves as two of the best youngsters in the country, earning the Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American Honor. However, a host of newcomers along with a handful of players returning from injuries will give the Demon staff a great deal of depth.

Cloeren posted a 7-3 record last season with a 3.63 ERA. The flame-throwing righthander led the team with 76 strikeouts in 86.2 innings pitched. He also tossed one shutout and factored in for two other blanks.

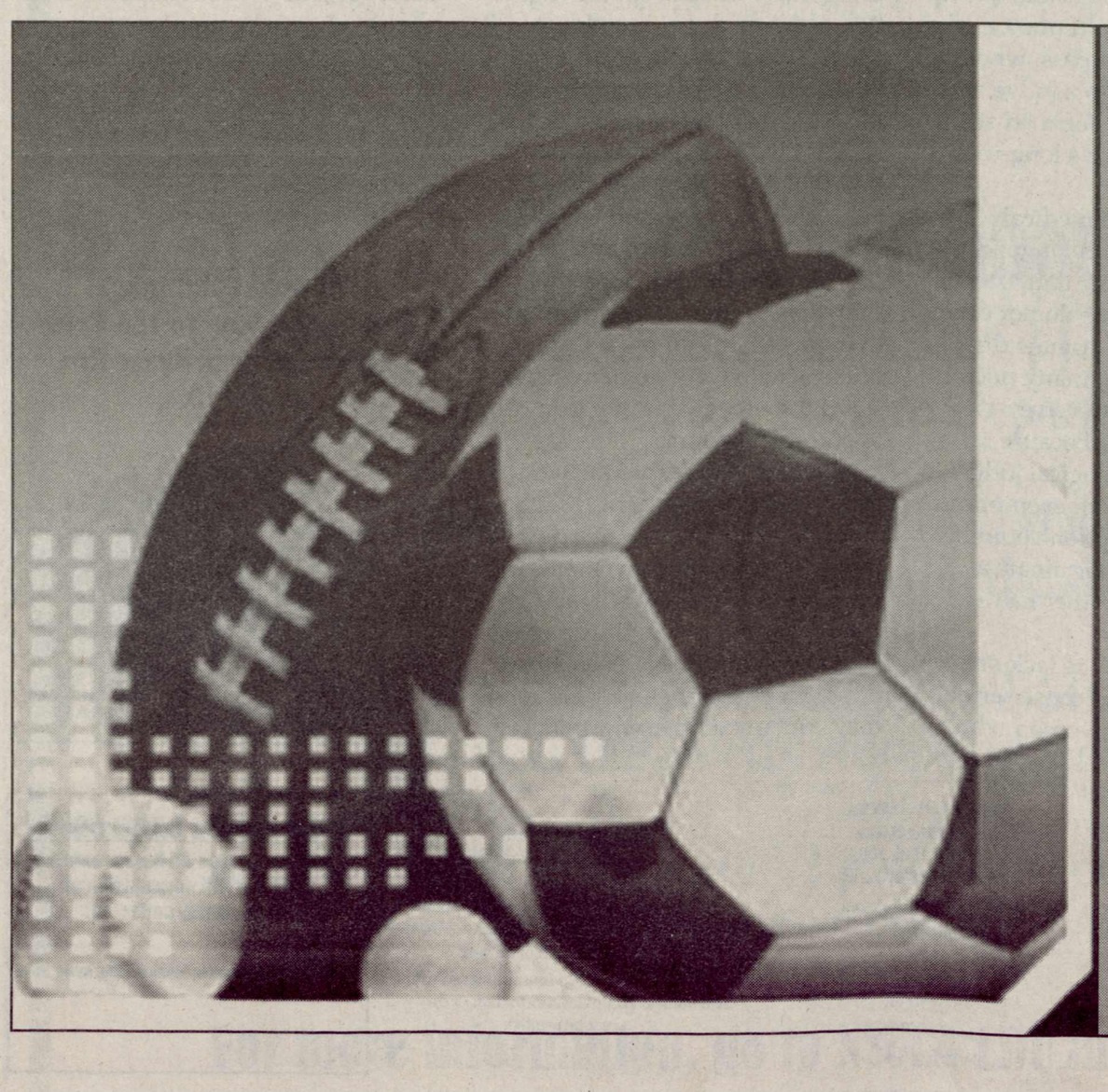
Broughton earned All-American Honors after leading the team with a 9-1 record. He posted a 4.72 ERA and had 43 strikeouts in 74.1 innings.

"This is a talented and deep staff," said Gaspard. "We have our core back, but we'll need to count on some new faces to be major contributors."

One of those new faces will be right-hander Drew Brown. Brown, a 6-3 junior transfer from Panola Junior College, has the tools to be one of the top pitchers on the staff. Also expected to make immediate impacts on the pitching staff will be Jimmy Heard, a talented freshman that could play in the infield, and Alex Baboulas, a junior transfer from Bossier Parish Community College who could play a pivotal role out of the bullpen.

"The team has its sights set on another SLC championship season and postseason appearance," said Gaspard. "I think the bar for our success has been raised after last year's success."

The Demons will open the new season on Feb. 10 in a three-game series at Texas A&M. The first home contest will be Feb. 15 against Grambling.



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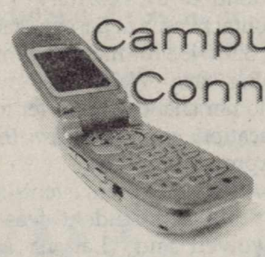
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Bring **Connections** to **Kyser 225G**, or e-mail them to **thecurrentsauce@gmail.com**. Please include a name and telephone number. We reserve the right to refuse any **Connection**.

The WRAC says wear red

Tomorrow is the American Heart Association's "Wear Red for Women" Day. This day is dedicated to raising the awareness of heart disease, the leading killer of Americans.

The WRAC would like to invite everyone to participate by wearing red tomorrow. There will also be red ribbons available at the WRAC front desk. Stop by and pick one up.

Visit the American Heart Association website at www.americanheart.org for more information.

Alpha Phi Alpha congratulates winner

The Theta Chi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., would like to congratulate Brother Malcolm Bihm for winning Brother of the Year at their 43rd Annual Louisiana District Convention. Bihm will compete again at regionals in March. If he wins he will go on to compete at the National Convention in Washington, D.C. in August.

They would also like to congratulate Natasha Bennett for doing an excellent job representing the Theta Chi Chapter at the District Convention's Miss Black & Gold Pageant.

SGA hosts ballroom meeting

The Student Government Association is hosting its first monthly ballroom meeting on Monday at 7 p.m. The SGA is asking that all interested individuals attend this meeting. For more information, contact Aaron Pitre in the SGA office, room 222 of Friedman Student Union or email him at apitre001@student.nsula.edu.

If any students are interested in getting involved and making a difference on campus, SGA will also have Senator-at-Large positions available for the spring semester. For more information, contact Aaron Pitre or Alan Sypert, SGA president, in the SGA office.

SAB presents 'Singled Out'

"Singled Out" is coming to NSU to raise money for the American Heart Association. The Student Activities Board is bringing a version of MTV's 1990s game show to NSU students on Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

To determine the four contestants, each of the possible 14 contestants will have a jar with their picture on it. The jars will be placed around campus, and the two girls and two boys with the most money in their jars will be the contestants. The jars will be out from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. from Feb. 6 to Feb 10.

"Anybody that comes to watch can fill out a questionnaire and try to win a date with one of the contestants," Courtney Wright, SAB representative-at-large, said.

According to SAB Service Learning Committee Head Jo'lene Bronk, the proceeds raised from the jars will be given the American Heart Association because February is American Heart Association Heart month.

The theme for the American Heart Association's awareness month is "Wear Red for Women." SAB is encouraging students to show support by wearing red on Feb. 13.

Correction:

Last week's issue of *The Current Sauce* reported that new online procedures were not "student-friendly." However, this is untrue - new policies were instituted to help faculty better communicate with students.

We apologize for the error.

Philia: in full throttle

By Katie Lopez
News Editor

Last week NSU launched Philia, a new undergraduate research program at Watson Library. Students and faculty were able to join together to discuss the program.

The program included speakers, information about research projects, and other information that will be useful for anyone who wants to do research on campus.

Among some of the speakers were Thomas Hanson, provost and vice president of academic affairs, Michael Matthews, coordinator of the Philia program, and Sue Weaver, dean of the University College.

Hanson said students would be amazed at how much research is being done on campus.

"We just don't know about it; we don't hear about it." Hanson said. "It's localized."

The Philia program will give faculty and students the opportunity to find out what research is going on across the campus, Hanson said.

Weaver said the launching of Philia was an initiative to get faculty and students into the library in order to let them know about the program and tell others about it.

"I thought we would be speaking to a bunch of adults and older people." Weaver said. "What is more exciting is that we are speaking to a young and upcoming group of scholars, and that is what Philia is all about."

Philia is designed to provide a set of resources and opportunities for faculty and students to continue to connect in research even more than they already were.

Matthews wants students and faculty to use the resources offered in the library to their fullest potential so students and faculty members can reach their fullest potential.

Matthews said there are two things he wants to do with the Philia program. The first is to work with students and faculty in their research and assist them in anyway possible and in a timely manner.

The second is to provide the information researchers need in order to be successful. This information includes local, state and national competitions, grants and scholarships.

"The Philia program is for you. All departments and all divisions," Matthews said. "Utilize all resources in the library. We have over 65 databases available."

'Ladies-in-waiting' go Thespian



Teranda Donatto/the Current Sauce

High school students from all over came to NSU's campus this past weekend for the Louisiana Thespian Conference, sponsored by the NSU Department of Theatre. These two students are performing their version of *Cinderella*. For the story and more photographs from the conference, see page 5.

NSU Express keeps campus active

By David Dinsmore
Sauce Reporter

Like the Beatles song, NSU students have a ticket to ride this semester.

The ride is the Northwestern Express, and its mission is to provide students with fun activities in an environment that promotes a sense of community and personal growth.

"The inspiration was simply the desire to see all of the primary programming components on this campus come together," said Vice President of Student Affairs Patrice Moulton, who created the idea for the Express.

Moulton said when she first arrived here at NSU, there would be instances when multiple events with similar themes would be held with one having no knowledge of the other.

Her idea was to consolidate the efforts of the programming units in four divisions: student affairs, athletics, enrollment services, and auxiliary services.

The units are made up of offices such as the Student Activities Board and Residential Life.

Moulton wanted events "that had a greater impact on, number one, the participation and, number two, the experience that the students have."

Yet, in a time of budget cuts, funding for big events is an issue.

"Each department contributes," Shelia Gentry, director of the campus community at Residential Life, said. "Everybody is pooling their money together so we can have more gifts and more fun."

Because this is a pilot program there are no exact figures on how much this program will cost.

"We are keeping tabs on everything we do," Gentry said.

The committee, known as the All Campus Programming Team, will use these numbers to determine the size of the program in the fall, which Gentry said could double.

Moulton said all departments are "utilizing their budgets the way that it was intended and really not spending any more money than has ever been spent.

"It's just a way of repackaging to make an experience versus random activities occurring," she added.

Some of the budgets that the program draws from are designed to use student fees for student development. Moulton said this allows the departments to share resources in a time when they are limited.

That experience begins with the All Campus Programming Team. The members are from different departments and organizations, and they will help plan and organize the program.

Moulton asked each member at the meetings what they would be able to sponsor without changing their budget or plans for the semester, and they all responded with proposals to cover certain aspects.

For instance, the SAB opted to hire the jazz band that will open Northwestern Express' upcoming event, Big Easy Week.

Though organizations such as SAB are participating in Northwestern Express' activities, no one is tied exclusively to it, Moulton said.

In addition to support by organizations, Moulton said the Northwestern Express uses 12 faculty sponsors across campus to promote upcoming Express events.

"They make sure all students that come through their classroom are aware of the activities," Moulton said.

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Mardi Gras comes to NSU

By Rayna Jett
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern Express ushers in the Krewe of NSU for Big Easy Week, which will run from Feb. 21 through Feb. 23.

Yonna Pasch, assistant director of student activities and organizations, said "NSU Express is an effort to bridge the gap between departments on campus and the gap between faculty and students."

The Northwestern Express committee is "jazzing it up" on Feb. 21, in the Friedman Student Union lobby from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A jazz band processional will kick-off the festivities.

Students will be able to participate in a Big Easy banner contest, and the lobby will be decorated with the banners student submit.

On Feb. 22, there will be a "Masked Affair" in the Student Union lobby from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students, faculty and staff can learn about Mardi Gras traditions such as the origin of King Cake, Flambeaux or Mardi Gras Indians. Students and faculty can sign up to have a display of Mardi Gras traditions placed in a poster session competition.

The WRAC will host the "Olympic Challenge: Go for the Purple, Green & Gold" at 3 p.m. Anyone interested can sign up to participate.

Participants can get a free cup of red beans and rice, provided by Aramark, if they contribute in the Mardi Gras Mask Supplies Service project. The supplies go to the Cane River Girls Home of Natchitoches.

The mask supplies will be accepted at all events during Big Easy Week.

Volunteers can sign up to bring the supplies to Caner River Girls Home on Feb. 23 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The volunteers will use these supplies to help make Mardi Gras masks with girls living at the home.

The Krewe of NSU will host a Mardi Gras Ball at 7 p.m. in the Student Union ballroom. Students, faculty, and staff are asked to register to participate in this formal event. The Inner City All-Star band will be performing.

The winners of all Big Easy Week events will be announced at the ball. There will also be a mini-float competition, and two students will be crowned king and queen of the Krewe of NSU.

SAB, Student Support Services, new student programs and several academic departments are working together to provide other programs students want to see on campus, Pasch said.

A registration form and guidelines for all events can be picked up in room 214 of the Student Union. When people sign up for any of the events, they will receive a list of items that they can bring to contribute to the Mardi Gras mask supplies service project.

The deadline to register for the Big Easy Week events has been extended to February 13, 2006. Contact Pasch at paschy@nsula.edu or 357-5438 for more information.

Big Easy Week also gives you another chance to register for a free vacation sponsored by the NSU Express committee.

All NSU Express events are paid for through student fees so get involved and "Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler," Let the good times roll NSU.

"NSU express is a collaboration between the academic departments and administrative departments on campus." Pasch said.

Natchitoches holds homecoming ceremony for local troops

By Lane Luckie
Sauce Reporter



Chris Reich/Current Sauce

Members of Troop A/108th Cavalry attend their welcome home ceremony after returning from Iraq. The ceremony was held on January 22 in the Natchitoches Events Center.

Dreary skies and cold temperatures did not seem to dampen the spirits of the over 100 hundred people who gathered to welcome home recently deployed soldiers from our area.

Family, friends, and other well-wishers gathered Jan. 22 at the Natchitoches Events Center to honor members of Troop A/ 108th Cavalry. The unit spent a year in Iraq before they set foot on home soil in late September.

"I loved what I did over there," said Sgt. Jerod Ward. "I loved going on patrol, helping the people, helping the people, seeing the people, but it's not something I want to do again."

Ward and the rest of his unit conducted searches of cities, engaged insurgents and participated in rebuilding efforts in support of operation Iraqi Freedom 3.

"Saddam Hussein's regime destroyed any kind of backbone these people had. We tried to build them back up and let them know that they have a voice and they can help themselves by helping us," Ward said.

Interacting with the Iraqi children and seeing their gratitude was the most rewarding part of his mission, Ward said.

"We would play with them, give them candy, and they would come up to us, and you could tell in their faces and voices, they wanted to communicate with us. With the language barrier, that couldn't happen. We spent so much time with them, we even taught them some English."

Ward said his greatest challenge was not on the battlefield, it was thousands of miles away in Natchitoches.

"The worst part was being away from my wife and being away from my family."

Ward's wife, Rachel Ward, who was a student at Northwestern at the time, said she also struggled to find her own ways to cope.

"He would call when I was in class. There was a nine-hour time gap, and my professors let me leave class to talk. That was one of the more helpful things."

"We have what we call the Family Readiness Group, or F.R.G., and we would have meetings once a month. The families could get together and talk," she said.

The Wards said the outpouring of support from the community comforted them.

"They would always come up and ask how things were going, they would go out of their way to let me know they were thinking about me," Sgt. Ward said.

"He was bombarded. People wanted to hug him, and say welcome home, and giving him gifts. That really makes him feel good," his wife said.

Although the troop returned to Natchitoches in late September, many of the soldiers were called to aid the relief efforts for Hurricanes Rita and Katrina. This second round of service postponed any homecoming celebration until now.

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Career and Counseling Services provide activities and opportunities for NSU students

By Kristen Alexander
Sauce Reporter

The spring semester is a busy time for everybody, especially the staff in the Career and Counseling Services office, who has many student activities and opportunities scheduled in order to better assist our student body.

Different career services offered to NSU students are career counseling, career development, career planning and placement activities, as well as Orientation 1030, which is a career guidance course.

Career Planning helps students focus on the job that is right for them and assists them in making positive decisions toward their career goals.

Career Services also provides resources to students such as testing and counseling, so they can research their careers.

Career services also helps students create productive resumes and cover letters as well as schedule on-campus interviews with companies who wish to interview NSU students.

Students can also participate in workshops conducted in residence halls throughout the semester.

Aside from career counseling, students can also come for personal counseling.

Session can be conducted individually with Rebecca K. Boone, director of the services, the Traci R. LaBom, Personal and Career Counselor, and also student personal services graduate counseling interns.

The information gathered during appointments or in conversation with a counselor is strictly confidential unless written consent of the student to release the information.

All of these services are provided to students free of charge.

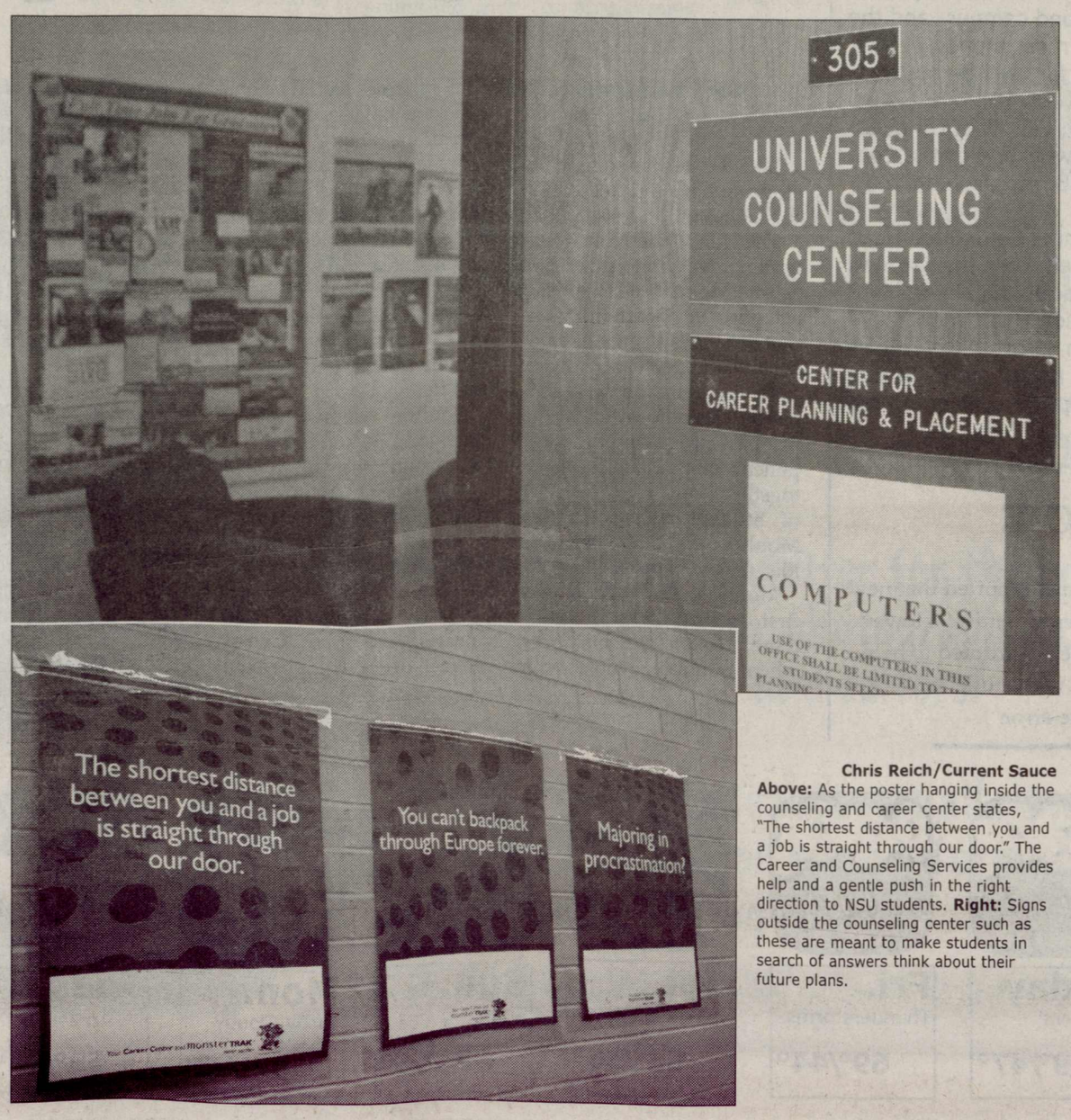
Upcoming events for the Career and Counseling Department include the summer job fair, the district Literary Rally, and the teacher job fair.

The summer job fair will be held on Feb. 21, from 9a.m. to 1p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom and will have employers will be present to provide full-time and part-time summer employment as well as internship opportunities.

The District Literary Rally will be held on Mar. 11, and is where high-achieving academic students come to compete once a year.

The teacher job fair is geared toward education majors in which local. Surrounding school systems interested in NSU graduates will come to interview potential teachers.

The Career and Counseling Office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday, and is located on the third floor of the Student Union in room 305.



Chris Reich/Current Sauce

Above: As the poster hanging inside the counseling and career center states, "The shortest distance between you and a job is straight through our door." The Career and Counseling Services provides help and a gentle push in the right direction to NSU students. **Right:** Signs outside the counseling center such as these are meant to make students in search of answers think about their future plans.

NSU finally gets wireless internet access

By Chris Reich
Photo Editor

Students will soon be able to access a wireless network in academic buildings on campus to check blackboard, look up information their teachers are lecturing about and chat with friends.

The NSU Department of Information Technology will be updating the network to allow wireless Internet access in Watson Library, Fournet Hall, Morrison Hall, Family and Consumer Sciences, Bienvenu Hall, Russell Hall, the Health and Human Performance Building and the A.A. Fredericks Center for Creative and Performing Arts, according to a press release from the NSU News Bureau.

The networks in the Friedman Student Union and Kyser Hall have already been installed and are up and running for students to use.

Other locations that will have wireless access include the area outside the Student Union, the courtyard by Morrison Hall and the tailgating area.

To access the network, students must have a laptop computer with a wireless network card that supports the b or g protocol.

Almost all consumer cards support these protocols, as do most laptops that are wireless equipped.

Students will have Internet access and will also be protected by the university's firewall.

The firewall will protect students using the wireless network from becoming infected or infecting other computers with viruses.

The firewall is not an excuse to ignore system or virus updates, according to Jim McCrory, director of Information Systems.

Security was one of the main concerns for the upgrade, especially with students using their personal computers to access the university network.

"Part of the process was to overcome some security concerns. We consider this a secure network now," McCrory said.

The idea of adding wireless ability to the main campus has been floating around for some years before NSU President Randall Webb decided to approve the idea a year ago, McCrory said.

The NSU campus at Leesville turned its wireless network on almost four years ago and was the first NSU campus to have wireless access.

Information Systems hired a contractor to evaluate the areas that would benefit from the access and to determine the exact locations on campus for the wireless access points.

They had to make sure there were no dead spots in the buildings in which they were installing the access points, he said.

Information Systems then determined if the network infrastructure needed to be updated to handle the access points. They had to make sure the current network could handle the additional laptop users, he said. The hardware was then bought and the security concerns were resolved.

Gary Gatch, network administrator for NSU, said the final stage, which began this week and will be finished in two weeks, is the actual installation of the network.

Darlene Williams, director of electronic and continuing education, said the Help Desk they has a list of supported and tested cards right now and will have the access information around the time that the network install is completed.

WRAC challenges community with fitness showdown

By Kayla Brossett
Sauce Reporter

The Wellness, Recreation and Activities Center will host a fitness challenge from Feb. 6 through Mar. 31.

Robyn House, the director of the event, said, "Our goal is to get people to try different activities at the WRAC, keep them interested, and promote health awareness."

WRAC members can form teams of four to compete in the challenge. Everyone who signs up will receive a score sheet that lists the activities the WRAC will offer.

After completing each activity, the sheet has to be initialed by a WRAC staff member to receive points. The team with the most points in the end will receive the grand prize, which will be donated by local Natchitoches businesses.

There will also be prizes for the first and second runner-up winners.

Junior Mia Poullard said, "The challenge is motivation for me to work out, and I receive prizes for staying healthy."

All students, faculty, staff, alumni and other WRAC members are invited to participate. If someone does not have a team of four, he or she can be placed on a team.

The deadline to sign up for the challenge is Feb. 10. Visit the WRAC today to sign up and receive an entry packet.

For more information, contact House at 357-5331 or at houser@nsula.edu.

SGA finding ways to fund organizational trips

By Jim Mustian
Sauce Reporter

Student organizations can now look to the Student Government Association for additional funding when planning trips.

The Organizational Relief Fund was designed to assist Recognized Student Organizations and university departments with the costs of transportation, lodging, and registration fees.

The ORF committee is currently accepting applications from organizations participating in events "academic, educational, or professional in nature," according to a memorandum the SGA released on Monday.

SGA President Alan Sypert said the fund has the potential to affect several student organizations.

"We expect this to be pretty popular," Sypert said.

To be considered for funding for an event, organizations should apply one month prior to the event. Requests for reimbursements must be filed within thirty days of returning.

The ORF committee, which will meet once a month, requires organizations to raise at least 30 percent of the amount they request.

Organizations are eligible to receive funding only once an academic year.

The SGA drafted the ORF last March. Students later approved the fund during the spring elections.

Applications are available in room 222 of Friedman Student Union.

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Feb. 23 - "Krewe of NSU" 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.
Mardi Gras Ball with mini float competition, free food and a performance by Innercity All-Stars. Make your reservations in Student Union room 214.

Diversity Week (March 6-9)

Free International Coffee and Pastries from 9-11 a.m. all week.
Come by the Student Union Ballroom for free coffee and pastries in the mornings all week long

March 6 - "Slam Poets" in the Student Union Ballroom
Free poetry reading by Mayham Poets

March 7 - "Ain't I a Woman" 7:30 p.m. at A.A. Fredricks Auditorium
Musical one woman show

March 8 - "Diversity Bingo" 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom
Play bingo to win great prizes

March 9 - "Diversity Trivia Game Show" 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom
Come play and answer questions to show how diverse you are.

Lets talk about... (April 3-6)

April 3 - "Faces of Meth" 11 -1 in the Student Union Lobby
Come get a makeover by the Theatre Department to show the negative effects of the drug.

April 4 - "Massages from the WRAC Masseuses" 11-1 in the Student Union Lobby
Get a free massage from the skilled masseuses at the WRAC.

April 5 - "Poetry Reading" 12:30 p.m. in the Courtyard of Morrison
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ACTING IT ALL OUT



These seats in A.A. Fredericks Fine Arts Center did not stay empty for long. Once the Thespian Conference began on Friday, high school students from all over Louisiana quickly filled the entire Creative and Performing Arts Center.

High school students show off talent and learn a few things at theater conference

Photos by Teranda Donatto
Story by Kelli Fontenot
Sauce Reporter

The NSU theater department hosted the Louisiana Thespians Conference on Friday and Saturday.

The conference provided a chance for high school students to attend workshops, learn new acting techniques, and see what being a theater major at NSU is really like.

Tibeaux Hampton, president of the Student Theatre Organization, said, "The whole point of it is just for them to connect with other students in their art."

Twenty of Louisiana's "Thespian Troupes" participated this year. Young actors and actresses competed in events such as duet musical theater, monologue and pantomime, solo musical theater and duet acting, but the tournament was not limited to those with dramatic talent.

Melody Jones, a junior musical theater major, said, "I like the Tech Olympics. It's a competition between the tech students from different high schools to see who can do certain things fastest."

Jones said last year's challenge was for a team of students to climb a ladder and adjust a spotlight while being timed by NSU judges.

"It was really cool," she said. "I liked watching the high school kids run around."

The department also offered a dance for the students on Saturday.

Bonnie Gordon, a sophomore theater major who helped out during the dance, said, "I discovered that there is a line dance for 'Thriller'."

Gordon laughed, but she added that her favorite part of the conference was the improvisation workshop, not the dance.

Hopefully, all of the fun and games will encourage talented seniors to consider the NSU theater program during their college selection process.







From far left: Faculty member Sean Parr discusses microphone technology with the students; participants from St. Joesph's Academy in Baton Rouge sing "Under the Sea" from the *Little Mermaid;* Rob Robinson helps the students out out with the tech olympics.

WHAT'S NEW IN STORES THIS WEEK:



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- *Return of the Pink Panther*
- *Red Eye*
- *Dead Poet's Society (special edition)*
- *The River King*

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'Lady of the Bracelet' more than just a pretty face

By Andi Bass
Sauce Reporter

Stan Fields: *"Miss Rhode Island, please describe your idea of the perfect date."*

Cheryl, "Rhode Island": *"That's a tough one. I would have to say April 25th. Because it's not too hot, not too cold, all you need is a light jacket."*

This quote from "Miss Congeniality" showcases the "dumb" stereotype commonly associated with beauty pageant contestants, but Courtney LaCaze, the 2005 NSU Miss Lady of the Bracelet, promotes the idea that there is a lot more to the pageant than looking good in a bikini.

The contestants must have good grades, and they are often involved in multiple activities outside of classes.

LaCaze, a senior journalism major, has been an anchor for NSU 22, the executive vice president for Sigma Sigma Sigma, a member of the Public Relations Student Society of America, and a youth minister, all while working a job and keeping her grades up.

Like LaCaze, many contestants this year participate in extracurricular activities while holding down jobs. Winning the pageant could alleviate some of the stress of carrying such a full load.

LaCaze entered the pageant not only because it was something she knew she would enjoy, but also because it helps her pay for school.

"I got to cut my hours at work because of what it paid for. I get more into my studies and more into my school," she said.

The winner of the pageant receives paid tuition, a meal plan, and money for books for a year. The winner also receives a trip to the Miss Louisiana pageant, where a total of over $53,000 in prizes is given away.

The first runner-up receives a scholarship that pays for half of the tuition amount for a year.

Miss LOB does not simply disappear after she receives the crown and her check.

LaCaze has spent the past year promoting the university and her platform, Louisiana education on alcohol and drugs.

"I went and talked to high schoolers in regards to my platform and have even emceed a few times. It's a job; I have fun with it, but I also use it to promote Northwestern because you are the official spokesperson," LaCaze said.

With her reign coming to an end, she reflects upon her year as Miss LOB.

"I'm really sad. I don't think it was long enough," said LaCaze. "I think it is probably one of the most memorable experiences I've ever had in my life."

The experience was also educational by helping prepare her for life after college.

"From doing the pageants and the interviews, I think I am more prepared for the professional world. It's a great way to build poise and personality under pressure by being on stage."

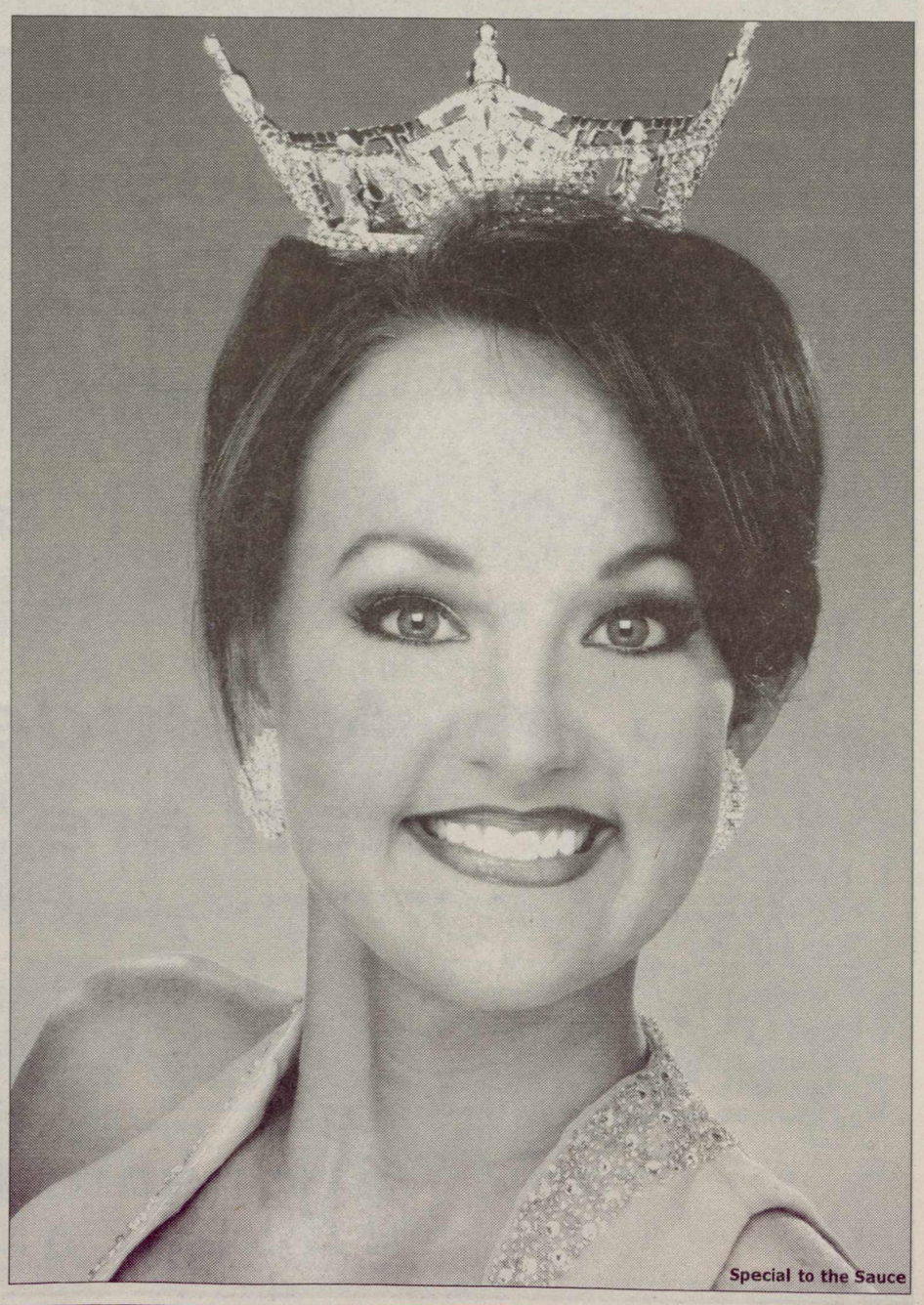
Pressure does not begin to describe the contestants' experiences. Many of us squirm at the thought of standing in front of the mirror in a swimsuit around summertime and finally coming to grips with where all of that holiday stuffing ended up. Imagine doing that on a stage in front of all of your peers.

"It is so hard to compete in front of the student body in a swimsuit," she said. "LOB is one of the hardest pageants to compete in because you are competing in front of all of your college peers. But I had a lot of fun."

While she cannot help the contestants this year in the swimsuit department, LaCaze has been assisting the girls in other ways, such as helping with mock interviews and giving the girls some pointers.

"My advice to all the contestants is to relax," LaCaze said. "Be sincere and have fun, and if you take away anything, it is the friendships. It is also important to be knowledgeable on the Miss American Organization and familiar with current events, because the interview process is probably one of the hardest interviews I have ever been through in my life."

This year's pageant kicks off on Saturday at 7 p.m. in A.A. Fredericks Fine Arts Center.



Special to the Sauce

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Fashionable Focus

I'm starting this week's column off with a little bit of humor. Remember that episode of "Friends" where Joey tries on the "man-bag" from Bloomingdales with Rachel? Here's an excerpt from that scene:

Joey: But it is odd how a women's purse looks good on me, a man.

Rachel: Exactly! Unisex!

Joey: Maybe you need sex. I had sex a couple days ago.

Rachel: No! No, Joey! U-N-I-sex.

Joey: Well, I ain't gonna say no to that!

Well, if you haven't figured out where I'm headed, this week it's all about unisex items. For ages, designers have been trying to make fashion a complete gray-area smorgasbord for males and females. In the 1980s it was the hair—everyone had long, big hair. It didn't matter what sex you were, you had long, big hair. If you were a 30-something-year-old woman and had hair like Mick Jagger, you were cool. If you were a 20-something-year-old man and had hair like Kathy Ireland, you were hot. It was all the same. It's almost surprising there weren't more accidental same-sex marriages; you know, where a girl mistakes another girl for a guy with long, big hair.

In the 1990s, I would have to say accessories became the popular unisex items. From hats to bags, just about all facets of each gender had similar tastes. Messenger bags became pretty popular then, and they are still on the rise now.

Nowadays, I think the unisex item really isn't exactly an item. It's a color—pink! That's right boys…pink.

I have noticed that since the revolution of the "metro sexual" that the typically-feminine hue has turned into a massively desired fashion must-have. From pink shirts to pink bracelets and belts, pink has become intensely popular!

I think it's great; it's a sign that more and more males are accepting that you don't have to wear blue all the time to convince yourself that you are a manly man. You don't have to wear that same old same old black pinstripe suit with that boring old white button down. You can have a splash of color—and that's ok!

Thanks to Carson from "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," bright colors have become more commonly accepted. At first it was by the homosexuals, then by the metrosexuals, and now gradually by straight men. It's becoming a rainbow revolution!

The cool thing is that there isn't just ONE shade of pink that is popular—they all are. Hues like coral, salmon, fuchsia, magenta and pink cotton are just a few to be named, but instead of sitting and looking at the names, go out and look for them on the racks!

For the guys who haven't ventured into the realm of "rose," it's ok…pink doesn't bite, I promise. For the men who have, kudos. You're a part of fashion history.

'Last Holiday' kills at box office

By Willie Valerie
Sauce Reporter

If you had three weeks to live, what would you do?

Would you sit by and let time pass you by or would you go for the gusto and embark on a financial frenzy before kicking the bucket?

Queen Latifah, the rapper-turned-actress known for starring in critically acclaimed roles in movies such as "Set it Off" and "Chicago," portrays a woman who is destined to go all out before her last days on Earth in her new movie "Last Holiday."

Latifah plays Georgia Byrd, a shy saleswoman who works a retail job in the cookware section of Kragens, a New Orleans department store.

Byrd's secret love interest is her co-worker Sean Matthews, portrayed by rapper and actor L.L. Cool J. Byrd keeps pictures of Matthews in a secret photo album. Even though she is very interested in Matthews, she is too shy to act on her ambitions.

Her doctor tells her she has a rare brain disease and only has three weeks to live. Feeling like she has nothing to lose, Byrd decides to cash in her entire 401K and spend her last three weeks on a wild, hair-raising tour of the Czech Republic.

She stays in the famous Grand Hotel Pupp and raises the curiosity of many people there about her identity, such as Didier, a famous chef with whom Byrd eventually becomes friends.

She also raises the ire and suspicion of Matthew Kragen, the owner of the Kragen retail store franchise, played by Timothy Hutton. Kragen believes Byrd is there to shake up his plans of negotiating with Louisiana politician Sen. Dillings, played by Giancarlo Esposito.

Byrd eventually finds out her doctor misdiagnosed her, and she does not have the deadly brain disease.

A good thing about the film is the light-hearted comedy and wacky antics, such as Byrd trying on designer clothes. For young children, there may be some sexual innuendos that go over their heads.

The filming of the movie in New Orleans before the hurricane in August gives viewers a look at the city before it was ravaged by the hurricane. This should definitely invoke a melancholy feeling in many movie fans from that area.

Regardless, "Last Holiday" is a very entertaining and zany look at what one would do if he or she had a limited time to live. It will get tons of laughs.

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Opinions Editor

"Vitality shows in not only the ability to persist but the ability to start over"
-F. Scott Fitzgerald

The college drop-out rate is at an alarming level, and there doesn't seem to be much hope in slowing the trend.

Recent statistics on the subject indicate the graduation rate for public institutions has fallen to 42 percent, while the figure at private universities stands at 55 percent. One of the most troubling explanations for this trend is that many students are insecure or undecided about their majors or career choices.

A study by The American Council on Education (ACE) showed that in the fall of 2004 about 20 percent of incoming freshmen were undecided about their majors. Experts say the undecided and the insecure have combined to form an "at risk" population because ambivalence drives many of them to leave school.

I can certainly relate to these students. I have questioned my desire to become a journalist several times do to the excessive emphasis on entertainment that exists in the news medium. I have finally narrowed my career options to areas that my current major will equip me well for, regardless of the path that I ultimately choose.

Nevertheless, students who aren't sure of what they want to do shouldn't worry, and I would strongly advise against dropping out or taking a semester off. By all means, if the situation has become so stressful that your ability to succeed in college has been impaired, then take time off. But simply being confused or unsure about your career choice is not a reason to delay your education.

At the age of 18 or 19, it is unrealistic to believe you will have a firm grasp on what you want to do for the rest of your life. As I have noted in a previous column, many students are so busy with extra curricular activities in high school ,in an effort to win college scholaships, many do not have time to seriously focus on exactly what they want until they get to a university.

I don't remember exactly what is taught in the freshman orientation class, but I hope that underclassmen are told that it is rare to make it through one's entire college career having only declared one major. According to the ACE study mentioned earlier, 65 percent of freshmen who declare a major change it at least once during their college careers.

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Instead of taking time off to "find yourself," students should use their college education to find out what they want to do.

Students should use what they don't like about their current major to eliminate options. This process will help them to decide exactly what kind of career they do want. Students who enter college undecided should spend their first year and a half taking core requirements and using those classes to help them determine a career path.

But students should also realize career confusion doesn't necessarily end after graduation. An increasing number of Americans spend years in one career only to later find that it no longer appeals to their life-style preferences. A great number of these people do not require further schooling to transition into new fields because their old jobs are closely related. If not, ownership of a degree gives employers confidence that a person is competent and can learn quickly on the job.

The key is to remain in college because once you leave, it is difficult to return. Plus, having to pay back thousands of dollars in college loans will be a bitter pill to swallow with no degree to show for it. Geri Cotter, director of the Career Center at Nebraska Wesleyan University, believe that for many students, the phrase "taking a break" is similar to "the big sleep" because it sounds temporary but turns out to be permanent.

"We've had a number of students consider dropping out because … they have no focus and time is starting to pass. They drop out thinking time would give them focus. Sometimes it does, but not for everybody."

It seems daunting to have your college career in front of you with no idea what path you want to take, but college is about so much more than finding a career. It's about becoming an adult and finding out who you are as a person which, in tern, helps you to decide on a career. We're young. If the choices we make at this point do not satisfy us later, there is plenty of time to make a correction.

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Beware of zombies - they walk among us



By Aaron Pizzani
Sauce Columnist

I could tell you that I have recently developed a fascination with something more academic like astronomy or quantum physics, but I won't try to fool you. It's zombies that fascinate me. Whether they are in a movie or in a video game, I love the thrill of putting myself into the situation and wondering how I would handle it.

At first, this recent fixation scared me. Who just all of a sudden decides to study the concept of zombies? Then I realized why: I wander through crowds of the undead every day.

Zombies seem to have gotten clever. They are taking human form and roaming around our everyday lives. They feed, not on our tasty human flesh and brain matter, but on our psyche. There are an alarming number roaming our campus, our city, maybe even in our homes.

Zombies go completely unnoticed, but they are very dangerous. They are dangerous because they multiply. They can suck the life out of their friends, their family, even an entire room. They produce more zombies.

I want to let all the zombies out there know that I know who you are. Yes, that's right, zombies know how to read. That part they don't put in movies. However, unlike the movies, I am not coming at you with a torch and impressive artillery.

I have seen you in some of my classes. Someone wants to discuss something, or ask a question. You scoff and snicker. You give a discontented sigh and roll your eyes. The potential victims are ok as long as they do not notice you. If they do, congratulations; you have just potentially created another zombie, another undead to sit in a crowd and never speak up or express any form of their personality.

I have also seen you walking down the sidewalk. Usually, when I pass someone, I look at their face. If the person looks back, I'll smile or nod or somehow acknowledge their existence. I do not know anyone who does not appreciate some acknowledgement sometimes. This is prime investigation ground.

Zombies usually have blank stares on their faces, or they will grimace. When they notice a potential victim smile, they will intensify their frown to make sure they know that they will not, under any circumstance, smile back.

My favorites are the ones that will catch eye contact and quickly look at something else, anything else, except the other person. Should zombies have real human contact, they are in danger of showing human emotions. That would not be very zombie of them, would it? Thus another potential zombie is made; someone who gives up on bothering to smile, look at, or acknowledge another person in public.

I also encounter zombies where I work. My "good afternoon"s "how are you"s and "have a nice day"s are frequently ignored as the zombie swiftly rush past me to stare at, read, or occupy themselves with anything that does not require them to make a connection with me.

So how do you protect yourself from being turned into a zombie? First of all do not give in to their subtle demands on your mind. Do not stop asking questions, and do not stop smiling. Do not stop expressing your personality through whatever means you can creatively come up with. It really is that simple.

There isn't much use trying to dezombify people. People have to decide to dezombify themselves. Your greatest defense is not just being a free thinking person, but being a free expressing person without fear or inhibition.

Zombies may not even realize what they are, so it really isn't right to resent them for it. At one time they were walking, talking, thinking human beings themselves until another zombie got a hold of them.

All you can do is be on the defense. After all, have you ever seen a zombie movie or video game where the good guys win by actually killing all the zombies? No. They are perpetual in our society.

Unless they dezombify themselves, they'll endlessly wander around in life only half understanding what's going on around them, mindlessly looking for more prey. So come on, zombies. Get some life.

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Pregnant women: put children first



By Kristen Alexander
Sauce Columnist

Should a pregnant woman choose nine months of sanity or her baby's health?

A study released this week in the "Journal of the American Medical Association" was done on 201 pregnant women who suffered from major depression and were prescribed anti-depressants such as Prozac, Zoloft, Effexor and Paxil.

Researchers observed the choices of these women on whether or not to continue the use of their medication as well as the effects of their deci sions on both the mother and fetus.

The choices the mothers-to-be had was whether to continue taking prescribed anti-depressant medication in hopes of maintaining sanity, or to simply stop taking the medication during pregnancy because of concern for their childrens' health and safety, which, as studies show, could be compromised by anti-depressants.

Let's first observe from both sides, shall we?

When a woman becomes pregnant, it is a life-changing event that often brings extreme emotional and mental mood changes even without the issue of a chemical imbalance.

Consider a woman who already has a problem dealing with life's everyday activities. Imagine asking her to carry a child for nine months without the help of the medication she become dependent on to help her function and think sensibly. Some say this would be torture for such a woman, and if she decides to quit her medication after becoming pregnant, this would initiate the risk that she may fall deeply back into depression and could end up hurting herself or her baby as a result.

Others say a mother-to-be in this situation should stop taking her prescription medication because the presence of anti-depressants during pregnancy can cause a number of serious problems for the child such as heart defects, irritability as well as jittery behavior and dangerous breathing problems.

So, the choices are sanity for nine months for the mother, or the life-long health of the child.

I think if a woman is given the gift to bear a child, as some women aren't this woman also has the duty to make decisions based on the best interest of her child.

How would you feel if you went through your pregnancy and, there on the delivery table, you were introduced to your beautiful baby, only to find out that this child will be limited in its capabilities throughout life because you wanted to make the nine-month period of bearing this child more convenient for you?

On top of all of this, studies also show that 26 percent of the women who did continue to take anti-depressants during pregnancy experienced depression anyway. Does a 74 percent chance that you will not become depressed justify risking your child's health?

There are other ways to cope with life besides using Zoloft or Paxil, or any other brand. There are simple measures, like eating healthy and exercising regularly, that can lead to a tremendous change in one's emotional characteristics. There are also doctors and therapists who people can confide in as a way of dealing with personal, emotional and mental problems.

To me, this is not even an issue. I think I could learn to deal with a little exercise, healthy food or laying on a couch once a week because this is a far better choice than continuing to take a quick-fix pill everyday for nine months which can result in my child suffering for the rest of its life.

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Demons v. Jacks

Lady demons prepare to dish it out Saturday against Stephen F. Austin

By Kristi George
Sauce Reporter

The NSU Lady Demons will have their hands full when the Stephen F. Austin Lady Jacks visit Prather Coliseum on Saturday at 4 p.m. in a pivotal conference match-up. SFA is led by the NCAA season-high rebounder Latoya Mills.

Mills's 24 rebounds against previously unbeaten Texas-Arlington gave her national recognition and has NSU thinking of ways to defend her.

NSU head coach Jennifer Graf said, "The only way to defend her is if she misses the bus that comes to Natchitoches." If the Lady Demons succeed in defending her , the win will put them in the history books as the 37th team in NCAA history to reach the 600- win mark.

Under Graf, NSU currently sits in the middle of the conference standings with a record of 10-7 (3-3) and hopes to improve its record tonight.

The Lady Demons had a 12-day lay off before starting a three-game road trip that featured games against a trio of Texas teams, Texas-San Antonio, Texas State; both games resulted in a loss. The team wraps up the last game against Sam Houston State tonight.

SFA comes into the game on a two-game winning streak after wins against Texas-Arlington on the road and Lamar at home. SFA's Latoya Mills is the big reason SFA is having a great season and sitting at the top of the Southland Conference standings thus far.

SFA head coach Lee Ann Riley said, "Latoya has been a constant force for us."

Mills averaged 11 points and 13 rebounds over the past three games.

Graf said, "They have five very good players that they put on the court and we have five very good players we put on the court."

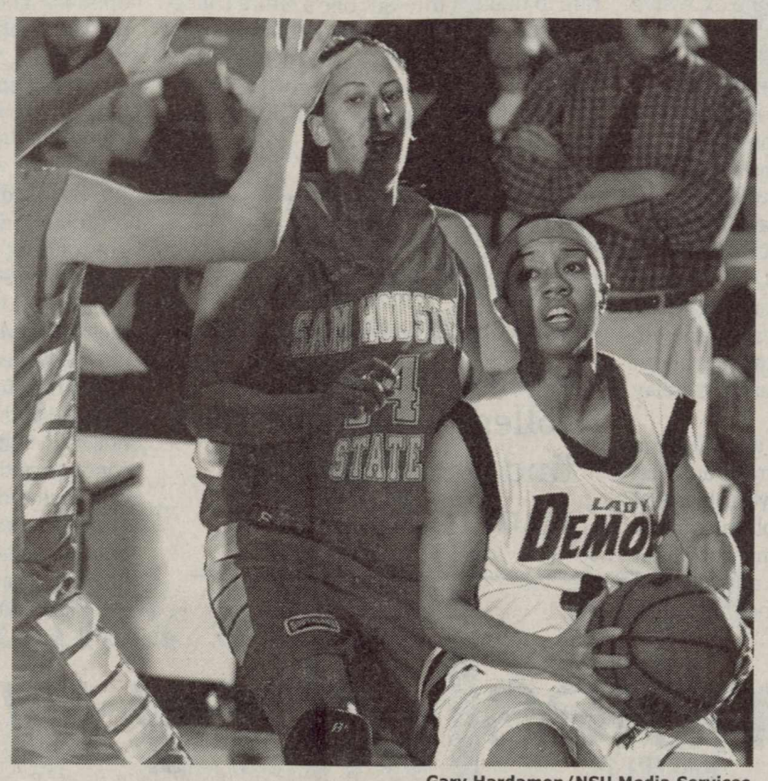
Point Guard Sheronda Bell has been NSU's star player the past few games. She scored 31 points and 8 rebounds against Texas-San Antonio and 18 points against Texas State.

Two other exemplary NSU players are sophomore Tena Matthews, who had 15 points and 10 rebounds at UTSA, and senior Shenise Milliner, who recorded a double-double against Texas State with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

The players and fans are anticipating the game.

Riley said, "Anytime SFA and Northwestern State play, it is a big game. Throughout the years this game has been one that the teams and the fans look forward to." Riley also said the team that plays together will win. Graf said the game will be hard fought since its a conference game and a rivalry game.

NSU will commemorate National Women in Sports Day at the game Saturday. Free admission is being provided to local high school, junior high and recreational league teams who register in advance. Local fans will also have an opportunity to meet players at the post game "meet and greet" session which is free and open to the public.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Services

Lady Demons played against the Lady Jacks last January. The two teams will once again face off in Prather Coliseum on Saturday at 4 p.m.

NSU to participate in BracketBusters

By Lela Coker
Sauce e Reporter

The Demons will be making their first appearance in the BracketBuster presented by eBay by traveling to Utah State.

"We were picked based on our past accomplishments and expectations for this season," said NSU Director of Sports Information Doug Ireland.

Last August, a pool of 100 teams was formed. From that 26 teams emerged for 13 games. Game dates and times will be announced Tuesday. The games will be televised on ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU or ESPN360. According to ESPN.com, the games will be played on Feb. 17 or 18.

"BracketBuster is for the mid-major conferences and gives these teams national TV exposure and a chance to play other premier teams," Ireland said.

This is the first year the Southland Conference has participated in the BracketBuster. NSU is the only school representing the Southland Conference.

This will mark the first match up for the Demons and Aggies. The Aggies currently have a 15-4 record while NSU holds a 13-6 record.

"I think we have a good shot about going to Utah and winning the game," junior forward Jermaine Spencer said.

Demons host SHS Thursday in Prather

Courtesy of Sports Information

League-leading NSU reaches the halfway point of the Southland Conference basketball race tonight, playing host to the only SLC team to topple the Demons this season: Sam Houston State.

The match up of the top two teams in the league standings is at 6:30 in Prather Coliseum, where NSU is 6-0 this year and 21-2 since the start of last season. Sam Houston beat NSU 80-73 in Huntsville, Texas, on Jan. 14 and is the hottest team in the league, having started a five-game wining streak with that victory.

NSU (13-6 overall, 6-1 in the SLC) has won three straight since falling behind Sam Houston (14-5, 5-2) by 18 points early after halftime in the first meeting this season. The Demons mounted a furious rally and were within four points when 19-point scorer Colby Bargeman missed a 3-pointer with 52 seconds left that could have drawn NSU with 74-73.

"Sam Houston played much better than we did start to finish and earned the win," said Demons' coach Mike McConathy. "Our challenge now is to turn the tables on our home court. They're playing better now than they were coming into that game, but hopefully we've made some progress lately also. It should be a tremendous matchup."

The Demons will be capping a three-game homestand in a stretch where they play five of six SLC games in Prather Coliseum.

"Any team is better at home, but as much as we played on the road in the first half of the season (13 of the first 17 games), we almost felt more comfortable on the road until this homestand," said McConathy. "We're all creatures of habit and we'd gotten into the road routine. Now we're enjoying working in our early morning practices, not packing bags, hearing the pep band playing our fight song and wearing our colors, and seeing our friends and families in the stands. It can be a big boost."

NSU continues to rely on perhaps the country's deepest roster, with 10 different players having led the team in scoring at least once. Senior forward Clifton Lee (13.7 points per game), junior guard Luke Rogers (10.0) and senior guard Jermaine Wallace (9.8) top the Demons' scoring chart.

Sam Houston is also relatively balanced with senior guard Chris Jordan (13.2), junior guard Jejuan Plair (12.1) and sophomore forward Ryan Bright (11.1) leading the scoring. Bright, last year's SLC Freshman of the Year, averages 8.1 rebounds.

Demons defeat Roadrunners 70-59

Courtesy of Sports Information

NSU used fierce defense and determined rebounding to bounce back from a 10-point halftime deficit last Thursday in a 70-59 Southland Conference basketball win over fast-starting Texas-San Antonio.

The Demons (12-6 overall, 5-1 in the SLC outscored the visiting Roadrunners 43-22 in the second half while pulling off a 23-point turnaround. UTSA (7-10, 2-4) led 29-17 with 7:22 left in the first half and maintained a 37-27 advantage at halftime.

NSU, which suffered 14 first-half turnovers, made only 5 afterward. The Demons out-rebounded the Roadrunners 19-10 in the second half while forcing 13 turnovers and limiting UTSA to just 16 shot attempts. NSU fired up 29 tries, making 15 (52 percent) to fuel the comeback.

The Demons opened a three-game homestand after playing 13 of their first 17, including 8 of the last 9, away from Prather Coliseum. Saturday at 2 p.m., NSU plays host to Texas State in a contest at Prather, where the Demons are 5-0 this year and 20-2 since the beginning of last season. The Bobcats (2-14, 0-5) fell 80-75 last Thursday at Louisiana-Monroe.

Jermaine Wallace and Luke Rogers each scored 12 points to pace NSU, which got 11 from Clifton Lee and 10 by Kerwin Forges. After halftime, Wallace scored 10, Lee nine and Rogers eight.

UTSA picked up 17 points by Andre Owens, 11 by Roderick Rodgers and 10 from Eric Young. The Roadrunners finished with 25 turnovers and made only half of their 18 free throws and a meager two of 11 on 3-pointers.

The Demons used a relentless pressure defense, both in full-court and half-court situations, to smother the Roadrunners after intermission. NSU scored 16 unanswered points in a 19-2 run in just under five minutes to turn a 41-33 deficit with 15:12 left into a 52-43 advantage at the 9:33 mark.

UTSA got no closer than four points on three occasions and never threatened after a 15-footer in transition by Lee with 2:36 remaining boosted NSU up 65-55.

"We started poorly and they started impressively," said Demons' coach Mike McConathy. "We got outworked in the first half and we were lucky the margin was just 10. When we ramped up the intensity to the point it should have been all along, we cut out the backdoor layups and the snowbirds and they had to work extremely hard to get an open shot. We attacked the glass and the game turned our way."

The Demons got a pair of 3-pointers from Wallace and once each from Keenan Jones and Tyronn Mitchell while registering 16 straight points over four minutes to take the lead for good. McConathy was more impressed his team held the Roadrunners scoreless.

"After not being very alert defensively in the first half, we did a nice job of shutting them down and taking the upper hand," he said. "That was a nice stretch. We need to hit the floor with that approach instead of drifting through until we find the go switch."

Ten players scored for NSU and nobody played more than 26 minutes. Three of UTSA's five starters played 33 minutes or more.

The win was the 15th in the last 17 games against SLC opposition for the Demons.

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This Just In

Courtesy Sports Information Bureau

Texas State downs Lady Demons 76-71

For the second straight gam the Lady Demons had to ove come a huge first half deficit, an for the second consecutive tim a second half rally fell just sho as the Lady Demons dropped 76 to 71 Southland Conferen game to Texas State Saturday.

The loss was the secon straight for the Lady Demons they fall to 10-7 overall and 3-3 league play. Texas State improv to 12-6 on the season and 4-3 the league.

Sheronda Bell led NSU with points while Tena Matthew scored 17, Chassidy Jones 12 an Shenise Milliner with 10 poin and 10 rebounds.

Four Bobcat players scored double digits, led by a 27-poi outburst from Joyce Ekwor madu.

The Lady Demons trailed 14 before two free throws by Shon Kennedy put the team on th board with 14:01 to play in th first half. Matthews followe with a layup to cut it to 10 poin but Texas State then outscore the Lady Demons 25-12 over th next 10 minutes to grab a 39- lead at the 3:35 mark.

After trailing 40-20 with 2:52 go, NSU put together a 10-2 ru to end the half down just 42-30.

The Lady Demons cut th deficit into single digits early the second half and trailed ju 44-37 after a LaTonya Perry la up with 17:33 to play.

Texas State mounted a min run of 6-0 to go up 50-37 on minute later, but the Lad Demons got a three-pointer b Bell, followed by two free throw from Milliner and another buc et by Bell to cut the lead to 50- with 15:04 to play.

The Lady Demons grabbed 55-54 lead on a layup b Matthews with 11:43 to go bu the Bobcats quickly regained th lead and extended it to a fiv point, 62-57 advantage with 8:3 to play.

NSU tied the game at 64-al but Texas State answered with 7-0 run to put the Lady Demon away late.

Free admission available fo girls sports teams at Feb. 4

NSU will commemorat National Women in Sports Da by providing free admission the NSU-SFA game on Saturda for high school, junior high an recreational league teams wh register in advance. The gam will also showcase NSU's sof ball, volleyball and tennis team with a casual reception and co versation after the game involv ing Lady Demons basketba coach Jennifer Graf, assistan coach and former WNBA playe Trina Frierson, and a couple current student-athletes fro women's sports at Northwes ern.

"This is a wonderful opport nity for younger girls to me with college athletes, talk abo sports, and to inspire them continue in athletics," said Ju Lessiter, senior administrat and academic adviser for athle ics at NSU.

To obtain free admissio coaches of girls sports team should send a roster via fax Lessiter at 318-357-4221 prior Saturday.

The Lady Demon softball tea will also present a pitching an catching demonstration, whi other women's teams at NS will be introduced except f track in field, who will be com peting on Saturday.

The postgame "meet an greet" session will be held adj cent to the court at Prather Co seum in the main arena. It open to the public with paren and others encouraged to atten with no charge.

NSU is the first Louisian school to provide athletic scho arships for women, and als hosted the first-ever girl's baske ball camp.

The Lady Demons basketba program is among only tw dozen in NCAA history to recor 300 home court wins and is o the verge of cracking the 600 w plateau.

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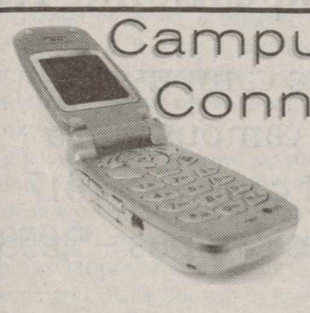
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Upcoming SGA Activities

The next Student Government Association Ballroom Meeting will be on March 13 at 7 p.m. in the Friedman Student Union ballroom. Regular SGA meetings are held on Mondays in the Cane River Room of the Union at 7 p.m. and are open to the public.

SGA will be hosting a breakfast with the NSU President Randall Webb on Feb. 15 at 7:15 a.m. at Iberville Dining Hall. Anyone wishing to meet with Webb, some vice presidents and SGA members are encouraged to attend.

SGA will be hosting a debate on March 15 at 7:30 p.m. in A.A. Fredericks Center regarding the Patriot Act. For more information about this, contact Natasha Bennet or Aaron Pitre in the SGA office, Room 222 of the Student Union.

There are also SGA senator-at-large positions open. Anyone who wants to get involved should contact SGA President Alan Sypert at the SGA office.

If there are any questions, come by the SGA office at any time or visit the website, www.nsula.edu/sga.

WRAC Springs a Leak

The recent rain has caused more than just rainy day blues. The ceiling of the aerobic room in the Wellness, Recreation and Activities Center is leaking. Staff members are catching dripping water with buckets and keeping the room as dry as possible. Repairs are pending a response from contractors.

Have A Ball at NSU

The Office of Student Activities plans to end Big Easy Week with a bang in the Student Union Ballroom on Feb. 23 with a Krewe of NSU Mardi Gras Ball beginning at 7 p.m.

NSU students, faculty and staff are invited to celebrate New Orleans style. SAB Lagniappe committee head Jessica Pitcher is excited to announce the Innercity Allstars will be performing live at the ball.

All guests have to reserve a table and can choose up to eight people to fill a table. The table members can decorate a mini-float as their centerpiece, and judges will choose the best float during the celebration.

The ball will end with an awards ceremony announcing the winners of various events that will take place during Big Easy Week.

Assistant Director of Student Activities and Organizations Yonna Pasch encourages students to hurry and sign-up to participate.

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New 'lady' sits on throne

Katie Lopez
News Editor

Crowned as the 2006 Miss LOB was 21-year-old junior Health and Human Performance major Raven Bryson.

"I don't think it's hit me yet," Bryson said. "But I'm very excited."

The other contestants in the pageant were freshman theatre major Emily Bennett, senior elementary education major Lauren O'Kelly, junior veterinary technology major Breean Giroir, junior elementary education major Lindsey Westfall, junior theatre major Gwen Mahan, sophomore nursing major Lauren Grimes, sophomore psychology major Corina Harwood, and senior biological sciences major Victoria Smith.

Bryson was not the only one to go home with a title Saturday night.

Victoria Smith walked away the fourth runner up and overall talent winner, while Lauren O'Kelly was named third runner up and won the casual and evening wear competitions.

Gwen Mahan was named second runner up and Corina Harwood first runner up along with receiving the People's Choice award.

Breean Renee Girior received the title of Miss Congeniality.

The evening started when the contestants paraded the stage and introduced themselves to the audience.

This year's Mistress of Ceremonies, 2005's Miss Louisiana, Molly Causey took the stage to M.C. the pageant.

The entertainment for the evening was provided by the NSU men's choir singing "Georgia," Sherman Desslle and the NSU Jazz Band, Demon Dazzlers, and princess Faith Stanfield, friend of 2005 Miss LOB Courtney LaCaze.

LaCaze conducted conducted herself as a true queen as she prepared to give up her title of Miss LOB.

During her farewell speech LaCaze thanked all who helped her during her year reign as Miss LOB.

She recapped her year by showing a slideshow and described her year as Miss LOB as being a wonderful experience that allowed her opportunities that she otherwise might not have had.

"Fairytales do come true if only for a year, but a year is enough to last a lifetime," LaCaze said.



Gary Hardamon/Current Sauce
Raven Bryson is crowned the 2006 Lady of the Bracelet.

New dorm finally named

David Dinsmore
Sauce Reporter

The residents have spoken and have named the new residence hall University Place.

Assistant Director Dave Frederick said the name became official on Jan. 30, which was the deadline for residents to vote on the name.

Carla Nurczyk, regional director for Century Campus Housing Management, said residents voted between the names Northwestern Place and University Place.

University Place championed the other.

"It sounds fine to me," resident Barbara Cooke said.

Of the two, she thought University Place was a better name, though she said she did not vote.

Other residents such as Kevin Clarkston, however, thought the choices were inconsistent with other residence halls on campus.

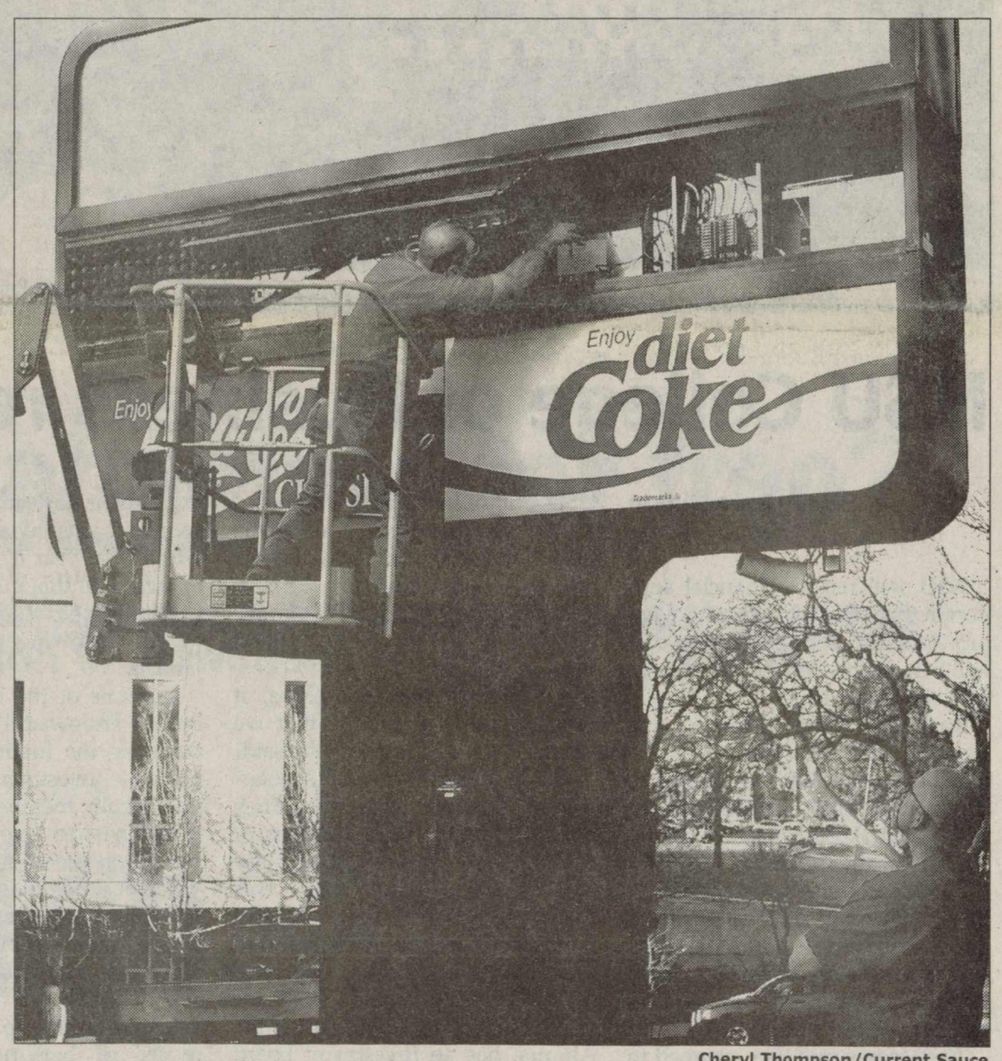
He said University Place would have been better named after a Louisiana parish.

Anthony Mason also cited the name's inconsistency.

"Even the University Columns pertains to the school, but University Place or Northwestern Place doesn't," Mason said.

Nurczyk said the process of naming the dorm began in January when students were given forms asking them for suggestions of what the new name should be.

These suggestions were passed on to both NSU and Century administrators, who selected the two names to be voted on.



Cheryl Thompson/Current Sauce
Mark Baldwin and Joe Smothers from Rainey Electronics work on the Marque sign outside the Friedman Student Union.

NSU receives federal financial assistance for displaced students

Lane Luckie
Sauce Reporter

NSU will receive financial assistance for taking in students displaced by Hurricane Katrina. The federal government will award $1300 per displaced student.

The aid, which is estimated at $133,000, comes from a $10 million grant allocated by Congress.

The money will be divided among the over 100 schools that housed displaced students.

According to a report released by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education, NSU requested $200,000 in aid, but will receive $133,000.

Thomas Hanson, vice president of academic affairs, said, "We're grateful for the aid. In the beginning we took in hurricane students, expecting to not be reimbursed."

He said the money will help to cover the tuition and fees of the approximately 100 displaced students who enrolled at NSU in the fall.

The university will be forced to absorb other extra costs, not provided by the grant.

"The funding will not cover things like meal plans, parking tags, or on-campus housing. So these things can add up," Hanson said.

The Office of Postsecondary Education report listed the number of displaced students housed by each institution, amount of aid requested, and how much money each school will actually receive.

According to the report, NSU's amount of aid is on target with other Louisiana schools. On average, the statewide reimbursement per student is $1,298.

LSU in Baton Rouge however will receive only a tenth of the money the school requested.

LSU asked for $18 million, however, will only receive a little over $1 million. The university took in almost 2000 displaced students.

The report also showed that most schools should receive financial assistance relatively close to the amount to which they applied. A few institutions however, will receive drastically less.

Boston College in Massachusetts, housed 16 displaced students in the fall semester and requested $4 million from the federal grant. The school will only receive $20,000 from the government.

Local Weather Forecast

Today	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.
Sunny	Showers	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Showers
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NSU enrollment drops

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Sauce Reporter

NSU enrollment this semester is 8,973, a 6.59 percent drop from Spring 2005.

According to Lillie Bell, university registrar, some students are finding it much more difficult to meet the new basic admission standards and are searching for alternate educational options.

Until the fall 2005 semester, first-time freshmen could enter NSU with a G.P.A. of 2.5 or with a composite score of 18 on the ACT.

With the new revisions, first-time freshmen must have a 2.00 cumulative grade-point-average or a composite score of 20 on their ACT.

Students in the top 50 percent of their graduating classes are accepted to NSU, but they must complete the 16.5 units of the Regent's High School core curriculum and only need one developmental course.

Changes for transfer students include having 12 hours of college level courses as well as remaining eligible to return to the institution they will be transferring from.

The enrollment total is taken from current students who are taking classes at one of the four campuses, those taking mostly Internet courses, and those enrolled in satellite classes in surrounding areas.

There is also a chance that enrollment in the fall of 2006 may drop. Over 100 students are considered displaced, meaning they were enrolled during the hurricane season and may return to their prior schools.

Before the revision of the admissions criteria, students who were not qualified could instead choose to study in an alternate two-year program until they were able to meet admissions criteria.

Now these students are referred to Bossier Parish Community College at NSU, which has an open admission policy.

BPCC students are given the same benefits as NSU students but are not officially enrolled as NSU students.

Number of students at each NSU campus Spring 2006:

Students enrolled in the Alexandria campus - 220
Students enrolled in the Leesville campus - 498
Student enrolled in the Shreveport campus - 1017
Students enrolled in the Natchitoches campus - 5,053

Internet students
Students enrolled in Internet courses - 1,891
Students enrolled in satellite campuses* - 294

*Coushatta, Colfax, Jena, Jonesville, Mansfield, Many, Marksville, Vidalia, and Winnfield



Chris Reich/Current Sauce
Natchitoches prepares for another fast food restaurant as construction beings down Texas street for Checkers

Checkers checks into Natchitoches

Natasha Anderson
Sauce Reporter

Checkers a "drive-through" restaurant will be added to the list of fast-food places offered in Natchitoches.

The fast food chain is set to open mid-February, and is owned by the Moffet Foods branch of the company Moffet Enterprise.

Checkers is located next to the Conoco gas station, also owned by Moffet Enterprise, on 1420 Texas St.

College students on a budget will appreciate the low price menu and 99 cent specials.

Nia Gosey a sophomore radiology technician major from DeRidder comments, "We have a Checkers nearby in Lake Charles, I'm glad that Checkers is opening up here because the price is reasonable, the food comes quick and their seasoned fries are pretty good!"

Other items on the menu include chili dogs, burgers, fries, milkshakes and seafood sandwiches.

The building which covers a 20,000 lot, came prefabricated and was built in less than a day.

It will also feature an outdoor patio for customers who prefer to dine in.

Moffet, a 2005 physics graduate of Northwestern, said, "We are excited about the upcoming grand opening of Checkers and believe that it is only the beginning of other possible business opportunities for this city."

The establishment also offers employment opportunities for local residents and is expected to hire a staff of twenty-five workers.

Applications are now available at the Conoco gas station. For more information contact Henry Moffett at (318) 352-4033.

NSU College of Business receives financial support

Kera Simon
Sauce Reporter

NSU will receive financial support in the forms of a new endowed professorship and scholarship that will benefit the College of Business for years to come.

Karl and Linda Moore have donated $60,000 that will be matched with $40,000 from the Board of Regents' Support Fund to create a $100,000 endowed professorship for the College of Business.

The Moores also donated $10,000 for a scholarship that will benefit a Louisiana resident attending NSU and majoring in business, which also includes CIS, accounting, and business administration.

The Moores said they planned to give to NSU at some point, but decided to give now because of the states financial difficulties.

Steven Elliot, dean of the College of Business, said the college is very thankful to the Moores and other NSU alumni for their donations.

"We really appreciate all of the gifts, because it provides a higher quality of education for the students," Elliott said. "Like now, we've got a very slim budget because of Katrina."

"With those professorships, it supplies us with money that we wouldn't have otherwise," he said.

The professorship and scholarship work in the same way. They both start with principle sums of $100,000 for professorship and $10,000 for a scholarship. This money is invested in stocks and bonds, and the interest earned from the money goes toward the professorship and scholarship.

The NSU Foundation, part of the Alumni, has an investment board that decides where to invest the money.

The initial investments must earn interest for about a year.

Chris Magio, director of Alumni and Development, said, "The investment starts making money as soon as it gets invested. Hopefully within that year it's enough for us to award off that gift."

Faculty and students can apply for the endowments possibly next January.

In terms of the Karl and Linda Moore Endowed Professorship in Business, the funds raised by the principle investment goes to a full time faculty member of the College of Business to help in that professor's professional research.

Faculty members of the College of Business apply for the professorship, the applications are reviewed, and one is chosen by the dean.

"We chose one that has done research in the past and has a record of performance," Elliott said.

David West, director of the News Bureau, explained that the professorship pays for computers, databases, publication fees, travel, and other means of research. He also said the professorship allows professors to stay current in their fields and keeps them in touch with contacts in their field.

The professorship also helps with accreditation for the College of Business and helps pay for the research, paper and the bills for presenting the paper at a conference with hopes of getting it published.

"That is the most important thing: a journal article," Elliot said, "It increases our accreditation."

The College of Business is accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. When the school gets evaluated, the AACSB International looks at the faculty, credentials and how much research is done.

"The more they can finance like this through a professorship, the more that usually happens," Elliot said.

In terms of the Karl and Linda Moore Scholarship, the money from the principle investment goes to a full-time NSU student majoring in business. The scholarship committee will review the applications, rank them, and then chose the recipient based on GPA and financial need.

The scholarship is offered to one student, one year at a time. Students must reapply for it year after year so that more people get an opportunity to benefit from it.

"The scholarship is perpetual, like the professorship," Elliot said. "A student 50 years from now will be getting the scholarship. That's the best way to do it, because it'll help students years into the future."

Specific information on the professorship and scholarship, like dates and ways to apply, will be available at the College of Business in Russell Hall around the Spring 2007 semester.

Artist presents 'Images for Easy Listeners'

Kelli Fontenot
Sauce Reporter---

A student art show titled "Images for Easy Listeners," featuring art by Kyley Cantwell, is currently on display in the Hanchey Gallery until February 17.

With titles such as "I Didn't Know He Was so Depressed but I Just Didn't Care" and an artist's statement that read: "Unknown ancestors, chicken, utah, puns, postcards, talking in your sleep." Cantwell drew viewers into a whole new atmosphere.

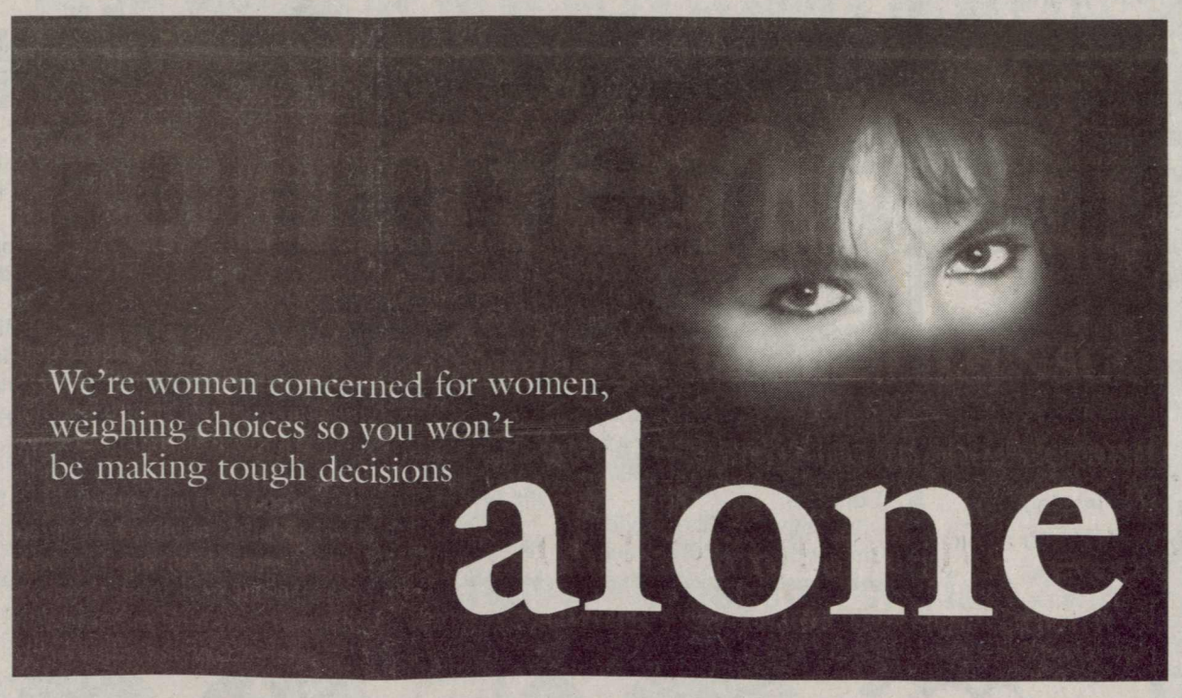
What an average spectator might not notice are the details that are hidden in his work, like his signature cow stamp or a cleverly disguised cigarette lighter.

According to an e-mail from Roberta Walters, assistant professor of art at Texas Tech University, "Cantwell is a Master of Fine Arts candidate at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, where he teaches printmaking."

Most of Cantwell's work is done on canvas with mixed media, but one piece, titled "Learning How to Aim," is a multifaceted and rather eccentric collage of work that he accumulated from 2003 to 2005.

Walters wrote, "He explores the idea of travel, both on land and through life experiences, in freeform mazes mingled with appropriated and painted images."

The gallery is open from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. from Monday until Friday.



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Sociology professor still on campus for medical reasons

Raymond Billy Jr.
Opinions Editor

NSU Sociology Professor William Housel is still on campus, despite being called for active military duty nearly two months ago.

Housel, 48, was leaving to fulfill his obligation in the Individual Ready Reserve ,which allows soldiers with less than twenty years of service to leave active duty and receive a pension, but remained on call for service. However, he said that he ended up staying because of a minor technicality.

"I got sent back because of medical rejection. Nothing serious just stuff that would be a problem if I was deployed," Housel said. "I thought I was on my way but things happened and the doctor says yes or no and that's the way it goes," he said.

Housel says that he is still eligible to be recalled because of the negligible nature of his medical rejection.

Housel said that he was actually a bit disappointed when he was first sent back to NSU.

"On the one hand I'm going, 'Okay, this is cool because I didn't really want to go,'" Housel said. "On the other hand I'm going, 'Ah man, I didn't make it,'" he said.

"You get kind of psyched up to go and then when it doesn't happen you get let down."

Gregory Granger, director of the School of Social Sciences, expressed how surprised he was and pleased he is that Housel has returned.

"I was little surprised … he was coming back because it sounded like it was pretty much a done deal. But, I was very pleased and that is the bottom line. I was very happy to have him back," Granger said.

Granger also noted Housel's importance because of what he does for the sociology department as well as his dealings with all of his students.

"He is very active when it comes to the students. He is very open to the students and that is very important in terms of advising and trying to get our sociology numbers up. He has been pretty good at recruiting students," Granger said.

"He does…go beyond the call of duty. He is concerned with student development as critical thinkers, as writers so he will hold writing workshops to help students out. He has initiated the School of Social Sciences capstone course. He is somebody who is easy to talk to. A lot of students feel attracted to that," Granger said.

Granger said it wasn't difficult to adjust to Housel's return because they had not cancelled any of his classes before hearing the news of his return, although prior to the news they were not allowing anyone to enroll in several classes.

Housel said that he has no regrets about the situation, and the most difficult part of the ordeal was that it slightly hindered his preparation for this semester since he will be teaching his usual course load.

"I have a new class this semester, Sociology of Medicine, which is also an online class - so it takes a lot of preparation. I had to scramble pretty hard to get that (class) together," Housel said.

Housel said that most of his students did not find out that he was returning until the beginning of the spring semester because the news did come out until the fall semester was almost over.

Housel said that coming so close to being deployed made him question whether or not he wanted to be in the Individual Ready Reserve.

"It is an obligation and you have to take it serious. It is certainly a lot more immediate when you have been called up and you are leaving," Housel said.

Granger said that if Housel is called up again, the contingency plan is already in place.

"If it comes up again we'll deal with it as we did the last time. Hopefully we will have a little more advanced warning, but if not, you have to be adaptable with these things," Granger said.

NSU Police Blotter

2/3/06
12:06 p.m.
"Orange pipes" were said to be in the road in front of the Kappa Sigma house
12:45 p.m.
The wind carried some of the pipes into Chaplain's Lake
2:07 p.m.
Two vehicles behind University Place were reportedly doing donuts.
2/4/06
2:04 a.m.
Someone called to report football players heading to the Kappa Sigma house with guns. When officers arrived, no one was around, said Det. Douglas Prescott. There was some damage to the house.
11:18 a.m.
Officers investigate the cause of alarms being tripped at Friedman Student Union. A pizza delivery person set them off after pulling on a door that was not secured properly.
2/6/06
7:59 p.m.
A call was made saying the fence behind the dining hall had been hit by a vehicle.
2/7/06
8:08 a.m.
A vehicle was found against a tree near the Sabine parking lot. It was reported to have rolled from the Rapides parking lot
2/8/06
12:31 a.m.
A female student called from her apartment at the University Columns to report a man who would not leave her apartment door. The man was taken from the scene to the police office so someone could come get him.
12:59 a.m.
Female student says that the man can be brought back to stay.

Student Support Services goes extra mile

Lindsay Larcom
Sauce Reporter

Tucked away in their second floor office in Kyser, the counselors, tutors, coordinators and students involved with Student Support Services are busy making changes in the lives of NSU students.

The SSS project is a division of the University College and is funded by a grant from the Federal Department of Education. First generation college students of low income families and/or learning, physical or emotionally disabled students are eligible to participate in SSS.

Colin Conerly, senior chemistry major and SSS tutor, said, "We give those students what they need to get through college."

The project offers several services aimed at helping students be successful at NSU.

Three counselors provide guidance and support for students making important academic, life and career decisions. Peer tutors work with students in private one-on-one tutoring sessions.

The SSS computer lab has eight computers equipped with computerized tutorials for core classes.

There are currently 360 students involved with this project in Natchitoches and Shreveport.

Last semester SSS received an extra grant to support displaced students from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and four new counselors were brought in to assist them.

This is also the first year SSS has offered a service learning class, called IDS 2000, to NSU students.

The class requires students to volunteer outside of the university and in the community. Students interviewed at local establishments such as the Louisiana Creole Heritage Center, the Louisiana Addiction Technology Transfer Center and the Crisis Pregnancy Center. Students will be placed on-site Feb. 13 to begin working.

Adviser Jamie Flanagan said, "It encourages students to work harder and to become more available on campus."

On Jan. 26 three students from SSS spoke at the launch party for Philia, a new undergraduate research program in Watson Library aimed to teach students to be self-motivated and participate in undergraduate research.

SSS will soon be applying for re-certification by the College Reading Learning Association.

Last year SSS received the highest certification, a master level three certification, from the CRLA.

"We are one of only two schools in Louisiana to have this," Conerly said.

After the first year of certification is over, they had to re-apply. Once the certification goes through, they are good for another three years.

SSS also purchased 79 new texts to enhance tutoring sessions.

SSS sponsors a program called Helping Hands which is a recognized student organization that offers peer interaction for SSS students.

The members of Helping Hands participate in fundraisers, community service projects, educational workshops and mentoring activities.

Last semester they organized the first annual Fall Festival. Helping Hands, along with nine other RSOs, provided games and refreshments for community children.

"It was very successful, and every child walked away with a prize," Flanagan said.

Helping Hands will host the Black History Program on Feb. 23 in Magale Recital Hall.

They frequently visit Masion Deville Care Center in Natchitoches and also donated 45 gifts to the Natchitoches Boys and Girls Club for Christmas.

Wakeley named first recipient of nursing scholarship at NSU

Willie Valrie III
Sauce Reporter

NSU alumna Emily Wakeley made history by becoming the first recipient of the Annie C. Lynch Scholarship for nursing majors.

In 2004 Kevin and Annie Lynch established the scholarship as an endowed gift of $50,000 to the NSU Foundation. Lynch gave the gift to honor his wife Annie, who earned a nursing degree in 1960.

"I feel very honored to be the first recipient of this scholarship," Wakeley said.

Wakeley was awarded the scholarship in the fall 2005 semester during her fifth level of clinicals in Shreveport, La.

The scholarship is given to a nursing major who is involved with the Catholic Student Organization at NSU.

The criteria of the scholarship are as follows: a 3.0 GPA, active membership in the CSO and being a nursing student in clinicals.

Wakely graduated from NSU with a Bachelor of Science and Nursing in December 2005.

She now works at Christus Schumpert Sutton Children's Medical Center in Shreveport as a registered nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit.

Wakeley's ambition for the future s to be a neonatal nurse practitioner.

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Feb. 22 - "Olympic Challenge: Go for the Purple, Green and Gold" 3 p.m.
Join the WRAC staff in this event that will test your Olympic Skills

Feb. 23 - "Krewe of NSU" 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.
Mardi Gras Ball with mini float competition, free food and a performance by Innercity All-Stars. Make your reservations in Student Union room 214.

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NSU 22 NEWS

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Lane Luckie	Tuesday
Katie Lopez	Tuesday
Margaret Roberts	Thursday
Lauren Kennedy/Tamara Carter	Thursday

Assistant Producers/Backup Anchors

Raymond Billy	Tuesday
Muriel Bailey	Tuesday
Cameron Tillman	Tuesday
Tressa Martin	Thursday
Kristen Alexandor	Thursday

Teleprompter

Virginia McCowen	Tuesday
Misty Passano	Thursday

Weather

Jose' V./Cameron T.	Tuesday
Kristen Alexandor	Thursday

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Joel Rodgers	Thursday
Raymond Billy	Backup
Shelly Roberts	Backup

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Ashleigh Whitby/pho

WHAT'S NEW IN STORES THIS WEEK:



In Music

- *Home*, The Corrs
- *Home*, Collective Soul
- *Live at the Ryman*, Marty Stuart
- *Ghetto Classics*, Jaheim
- *Bad Company*, Bad Company
- *You're Beautiful*, James Blunt
- *Voices*, Matchbook Romance

In Movies

- *Wallace & Gromit*
- *Just Like Heaven*
- *Elizabethtown*
- *Bambi II*
- *Doom*
- *Proof*
- *Zathura*
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THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX
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"Using Humor to Cope with Anxiety"

Contributed by Donna O'Brien
Psi Chi Columnist

Coping with anxiety is a necessity in our modern, fast-paced world, busy schedules, intensified by traffic jams, money problems, and relational difficulties keep many people in chronic states of stress.

The road to recovery begins with the understanding of the symptoms of stress. These symptoms include: exhaustion, sleep problems, tension headaches, constant worry, dark circles under the eyes, lowered immune function, irritability, anger outbursts and lack of concentration.

A basic tenet of social psychology is that we turn to others to understand the physical and social world around us. Humor allows group members to come to a collective understanding that a situation is safer and less serious than it would first appear. People with good senses of humor tend to suffer fewer negative outcomes when exposed to stress. Humor can also induce a positive mood, which alleviates stress-induced negative reactions and draw attention away from the source of stress. In one test, people who saw a humorous movie immediately following a stressful one had significantly lower anxiety.

Laugh: Don't take your life so seriously. A sense of humor helps overcome worry by distracting the mind. Laughter may also produce endorphins, which help ease pain and offer a sense of relaxation and joy. Tell a joke, watch a comedy, and laugh when disaster strikes. You will feel better with a smile on your face.

If you are interested in reading more about how humor can alleviate stress in your life, then read "The Healing Power of Humor" by Allen Klein. This book will put a spring in your step!

Neeru Deep, Psi Chi Adviser

Table for one?



Photo illustration by Jimmy Brown

Local singles are taking a different approach to St. Valentine's Day

By Andi Bass
Sauce Reporter

Even before Christmas arrived, Wal-Mart was pushing aside Christmas candy and making way for an isle of pink teddy bears, red roses and heart-shaped chocolates.

Have seeing these shades of pink and red over the last two months left you wanting to lock yourself in your room until Feb. 15th?

Some singles such as Cory Stephens, a freshman Louisiana Scholars' College student, simply do not acknowledge the day.

"I'll do the same thing I do every day. I'll go to class, work out, and go to sleep. It will be no different than any other day of the year," he said.

But this year, instead of dismissing it, try following the lead of some students and turn the day into a celebration of yourself and your single friends. Spend the money that you would have spent on your partner on yourself.

Jess Clark, a freshman radiology technician major, said, "It can be fun being single on holidays because it is all about pampering yourself. I bought a bunch of clothes online as my own Valentine's Day present."

Michael Davis, a sophomore Computer Information Systems major, said not having a girlfriend "means you end up having extra money around the holidays and can buy more stuff for yourself. I just ordered a new laptop."

> **"It can be fun being single on holidays because its all about pampering yourself."**
>
> **-Jess Clark**
> freshman radiology technician major

Lindsey Van Dyken, is planning to have a *Sex and the City* day.

"My friends and I are going to get all glammed up, go out to dinner and maybe a bar, and have a few cocktails and few laughs."

If hanging out with friends is not in your forecast, scoring some extra cash may be. For students that wait tables, Valentine's Day can be very profitable.

"It is a very busy day in the food service industry, and you can make a lot of money if you work it," Clark said

Besides, being in a relationship is not always as great as it is cracked up to be. When you are single, "you can make your own plans without having to check with anyone else," Clark explained.

Sophomore nursing major Andrew Moon said, "You have a lot more freedom, and there is never any drama."

Whatever you do this Valentine's Day, whether it is working, going out with friends, or pigging out on Rocky Road ice cream, don't spend too much time stressing about being single. Remember, its only one day.

Intramural sports keep students happy and healthy

By Kelli Fontenot
Sauce Reporter

Intramural sports are the perfect solution for students who have a knack for physical activity but don't have enough time to be a member of one of NSU's many sports teams.

Several sports events will take place this semester, and basketball is already in gear.

Excitement filled the Wellness, Recreation and Activity Center on Feb. 1 when ten pairs of athletic shoes raced over the glossy gym floor. Two IM basketball teams "As Real as They Come" in blue and the women of NSU Crew in orange competed for two 20-minute halves in the hopes of winning, a good experience, and of course, bragging rights. Shouts of encouragement came from the sidelines when the girls lined up for the first free throws.

Chris Miller, a junior business major who attended the game, said, "With intramural, everyone gets involved. I know, like, the whole team in the blue over there. I'm trying to make them win, give them a little support."

The basketball matches continued during the week.

Freshman Blake Besselman was a referee throughout his high school years in Katy, Texas. He is now a referee and player for NSU Intramural basketball, which he feels is very important to campus life.

"It keeps it very athletic, with a competitive level," Besselman said.

There are three basketball courts in the WRAC, which allows three games to be held during each hour from four until eight. "It's basically after my classes," said Besselman. "I usually do IM sports until the nighttime."

All NSU students are invited to watch basketball games or sign up to participate in the upcoming intramural flag football tournament. Softball will also be available later in the semester.



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'Ultimate frisbee' has become an increasingly popular intramural sport. For more information on IM sports, visit the WRAC.

Brains and Brawn: *NSU football player doesn't leave his gameface on the field*

By Kayla Brosset
Sauce Reporter

"Football is what we do not who we are."

That's the opinon Bruce Wood has on 'dumb jock' stereotypes that most college athletes deal with.

Woods is one of the many athletes who believes that the classroom is more important than the field while in college. He received his bachelor's degree in biology last fall and will be receiving another bachelor's degree in political science this spring, both with honors. Woods also plays safety for the football team.

He holds a job as a computer lab assistant and is involved in Beta Beta Beta and the Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

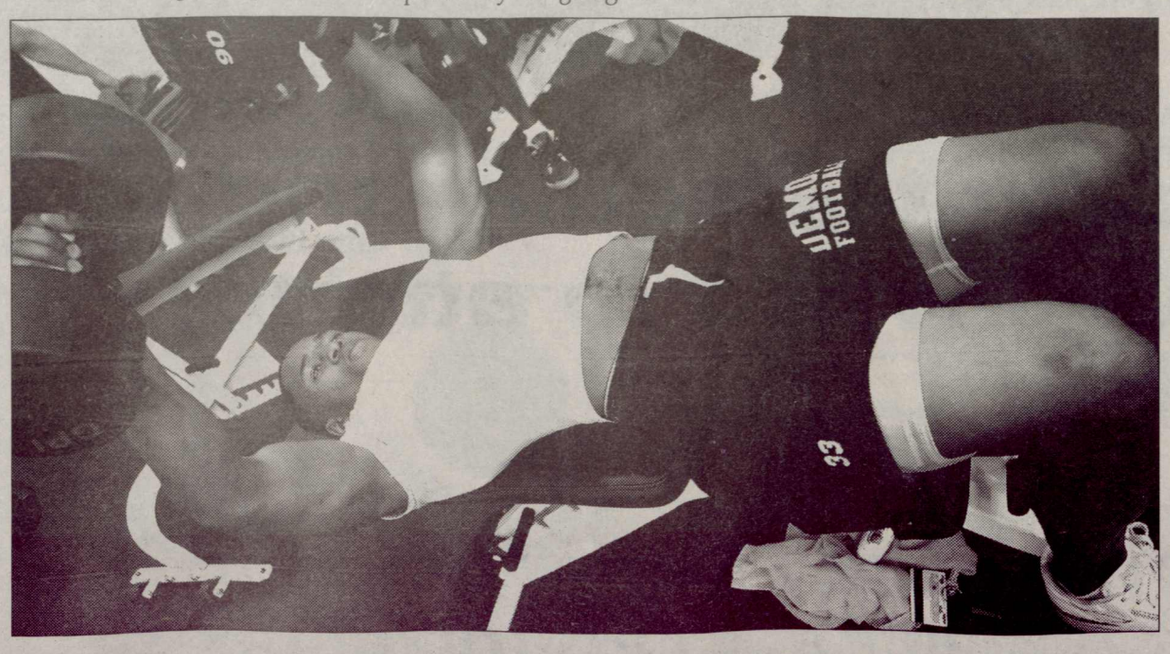
If he does not get drafted in the NFL he would like to attend the University of Louisiana at Monroe School of Pharmacy.

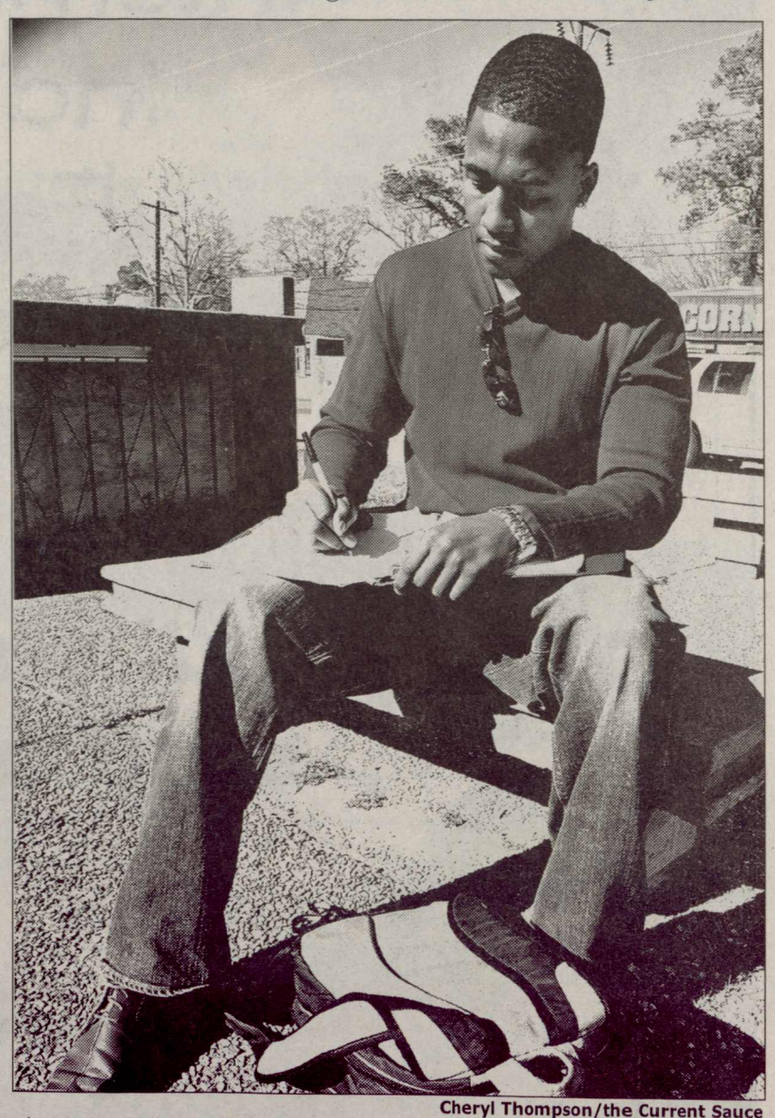
"You don't get what you want, you get what you deserve," was what Bruce had to say about the possibility of going to the NFL. The team that he would most like to sign with is the Dallas Cowboys.

"Although he is retired, Deion Sanders is still my favorite player of all time," said Woods.

Woods is originally from New Jersey, but his family moved to Baton Rouge when he was 12. In his spare time he likes to relax, play cards and of course, log on to Facebook.

For all of you ladies out there, eat your hearts out because Woods is taken.





Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce
Bruce Woods balances his time between keeping up with his athletic interests as well as his academic ones. In the photos shown above, Woods is seen both working out and studying for classes.



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Fashionable Focus

Because it is the spring semester, everyone knows there will be countless Mardi Gras balls to attend, numerous formals and semi-formals for sororities and other organizations, and many opportunities for some hot dates at some of Natchitoches' finest restaurants.

The thing is, not very many people, including myself, my really know what to wear to these occasions. Even more so, we have no clue how to wear our hair for these events. Not to worry: once again, I did my research and found the perfect combinations of gowns and outfits with their coordinating hairstyles.

Mardi Gras Ball

If you are planning to attend one of these coveted soirees, you'll want to look overly presentable. Yes, I said it. If you have never been to one, then you will never know the gaudiness a Mardi Gras ball exudes. It screams, "I just ate a disco ball and plan on drinking in rainbows!" Actually, if you take a look around at the ball, you'll find that everyone resembles Christmas ornaments - glittery and overdone - but in this case, it is definitely socially acceptable.

If sequins and glitter just aren't your thing, take a break from it and look classy in a simple satin or silk gown in a traditional Mardi Gras color: purple, green or gold. Other colors are acceptable; however, recognize that each Mardi Gras color has a specific meaning, which is why they are used in such regalia. Purple represents justice, green represents faith (since Mardi Gras is a Catholic holiday) and gold represents power.

If you choose a gown of simplicity, be sure to add some sort of flair with hair accessories, a sparkly brooch or some really sexy (of course gaudy) heels.

Semi-formals and Formals

Semi-formal events usually entail cocktails; therefore, a cocktail dress in order. Go traditional in a sexy "little black dress" with either a "sweetheart" or romantic style bust neckline or a delectable spaghetti-strapped number. The line of the dress is also important. If you are curvy, you'll want to stick to an A-line skirt style; to make more petite figures look curvier, dress with an empire waist and a cinched skirt. The fit of the skirt will bring out those natural, feminine lines.

Formals are usually floor-length, am I right? Nowadays, the trend is gowns with slight trains. Trains are sexy because wherever you walk, it follows, and so do the eyes upon you. A good thing to keep in mind is the neckline. Because the dress is long, the top part of your body is the showcase and must be flaunted. Find a jewel-encrusted halter or a sexy plunging neckline to show off that décolletage.

The Hot Date

In the big cities, a little cocktail dress might be in order for a hot date as well; however, as we well know, this is Natchitoches, and when you wear anything outside jeans and a T-shirt, people at restaurants look at you funny. That's why it is appropriate to plan your outfit according to the venue. For nice classy restaurants such as The Landing or Mariner's, I would suggest a sexy black pencil skirt and a flirty, silk peasant top.

Or for a MORE flirtatious look, cop some black silk gauchos, a sexy little camisole and a sweet embellished cardigan. This look is classy and feminine, but it also chic and sultry. Add some open-toed black crocodile heels, and you've got one smoldering ensemble.

Coordinating Dos

So you've got the gown, for either the Ball, semi-formal or formal affair. Now it's time for the "piece de resistance"—the hair.

Donning a sexy strapless?

Go easy on yourself and wear your hair down. Add some texture by using a volumizing mousse on damp hair and then style as desired: straight, curly or wavy. Keeping your hair down balances out the nakedness of your neckline and frames your cleavage.

Halter or plunging neckline?

Get it done half up. Getting the hair off your face lets the attention fall to your neckline and the dress. Also by letting your hair fall in the back, you'll balance out the look of your bare back.

Got straps like spaghetti?

Get your hair pulled up and out of your face. No, your hair doesn't have to get pulled into a tight coif or have tons of curls at the crown of your head; just place your hair in a loose, messy ponytail. Or for an even more dramatic look, cop the "faux hawk" look by adding volume to your roots and lifting them at the crown, then putting the rest of your hair in a ponytail (this is one of my favorites, as anyone will tell you). If you've got bangs, straighten them and wear them to the side for a sexy, side-swept do.

For a sweetheart/bustier,

Go for a low coif or bun. A classic chignon that is placed at the nape of the neck gives off that coveted vintage look and shows off that sexy neckline and perfectly rounded décolletage.

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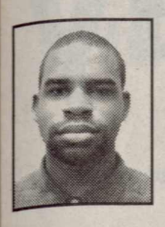
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Are you smart enough to understand this column?



By Raymond Billy Jr
Opinions Editor

The status of the United States as the most powerful nation in the world is in jeopardy. Every time I open a newspaper, I see a new illustration of this point.

In the past, I've written about how rising college costs, lack of student leadership and the dropout rate threaten the well-being of this country. Now, stats are showing that the college literacy rate is at an extremely low level.

If you haven't figured it out by now, I'm a numbers guy. The latest figures I've stumbled upon come courtesy of the American Institute of Research, an organization that studies behavioral and social science.

Their study shows that 75 percent of students at two-year colleges and 50 percent at four-year colleges, who are approaching graduation, lack the skills needed to analyze prose and documents and perform basic mathematical tasks such as balancing a checkbook or calculating a restaurant tip.

One other note, of particular interest to me, is that many students are not literate enough to understand newspaper editorials. No wonder we, at the opinions section, get so little feedback from you people (if the shoe fits …).

Chalk up another reason to stay in college. If people don't have basic skills, imagine how much worse off they would be if they didn't have their little niche areas of knowledge that they acquired in college.

With these numbers, coupled with the fact that math and science scores are rapidly declining, it's only a matter of time before the America crumbles just like the Roman and British empires before it.

I'm sure many of you don't care. You're probably saying "hey, it will be at least another 50 to 75 years before that happens." But, think about it: in 50 years you will be an old-bag in a nursing home. Do you really want a nurse, who can't analyze documents, reading your medical chart?

But, seriously, as Thomas L. Friedman argued in "The World is Flat," a book about the increasing global competition that America is facing, particularly in science and technology, the gap between the U.S. and the rest of the world is rapidly closing in education and in many other areas.

On top of that, we are importing less talent as well. Fewer foreigners are coming to the United States to attend college, partly because it became harder to get a visa shortly after Sep. 11 and partly because some countries are starting to gain on us educationally. Many people no longer see the value of leaving their cultures behind to pursue an American education.

However, I don't blame colleges for this problem; I blame the K-12 school system that passes along students who don't have the skills necessary to be well-rounded, thoughtful people.

Believe it or not, I'm not smart enough to know how this problem can be remedied, but I do know that drastic change is needed. I would suggest that parents home-school their kids (full disclosure: I was home-schooled), but, in many cases, couples can't afford to have one parent at home because it often takes two incomes just to remain in the middle-class.

Don't get me wrong, the war on terror, our dependence on foreign oil and the growing national debt are all very important topics, but the U.S. education crisis should be brought much closer to the forefront. We have become so used to being on top in this country that we have forgotten that this status is not a divine right.

If we do not take this education problem more seriously, our status in the world will continue to decline. To paraphrase Aimee Mann, it's not going to stop 'til we wise up.

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Take hold of life before it takes hold of you



By Aaron Pizani
Sauce columnist

I hate clichés like "fight fire with fire." The only time fighting fire with fire is useful is when controlled fires are lit in the underbrush to prevent forest fires.

You wouldn't, for instance, prevent a fire from spreading from the kitchen to the bedroom by burning down the living room. You have to be careful with clichés because they only work for specific situations.

My favorite cliché –by which I mean my favorite one to hate- is "go with the flow." Can you remember the last time the flow took you anywhere you wanted to go?

I can understand why the flow is so attractive. For a while it seems to take you leisurely down the river of life while you lounge on your inflatable raft, sipping on a glass of iced tea.

While distracted by your comfort, you are oblivious to the fact that the flow is about to throw you and your inflatable raft over a cliff. The raft deflates, ice and tea fly through the air and you plummet to the bottom. The flow turned out to be a bum deal.

Here is what went wrong: you became content with letting things happen for you and to you. Life, like the flow, keeps going whether you pay attention to it or not. Unless you are actively making the decisions on the direction of your life, other things will make those decisions for you.

Your friends, family or community might be making your decisions for you. The media, pop culture or fashion might be making those decisions. The point is that you haven't been the one making the decisions that profoundly affect you.

There are too many people who have already died inside and allowed other influences to move them around like puppets. Their strings are tugged and they play the role that the world wants them to play.

I get the image in my head of a soap opera scene where someone has conked out in the emergency room while a doctor pounds on their chest, "Live, damn it! Live!" Now if only someone could run up to walking, breathing people, pound on their chests, "Live, damn it! Live!" It's just as relevant as in the emergency room.

So, here I am, standing on the bank of that river of life yelling, "Drop the tea, get off that stupid raft and swim for your life!"

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NSU professor believes now is the time for action

By Gregory Granger
NSU Professor

The Following opinion comes from an interview conducted last semester. It has been transcribed as a column with the permission of Dr. Granger and edited for clarity.

I do not really care if students are on the pro or con side of an important issue; I want to see them voicing their opinions.

I do not know why students do not get involved in public affairs, but for as long as I can remember, they have not done so. When I was in college at LSU in the 1980s, the one thing that provoked students to protest was the canceling of an REM concert. At least they made their voices heard, but I felt this was hardly something to protest.

There is so much going on in our country that affects young people's lives right now in terms of the state and national budgets, for example. There are also important things happening regarding the War in Iraq, terrorism, security and law and order.

I am baffled that I have been at NSU for 10 years, and I have only recently seen a Frisbee game on campus for the first time. I have a hard time understanding why students on this campus are not outside more with one another engaging in activities, especially in political activities.

One of the things I found most encouraging when my tenure at NSU began was that students were very open-minded and seemed receptive to learning how to be analytical thinkers so they could start to think about significant issues and do something about them. What I find disappointing is that I have not seen a transition from learning how to think and which issues to focus on, to taking the next step: political activism, or even initiating discussions in class more frequently.

I think there are plenty of students on this campus who are smart, knowledgeable and interested in politics, but I do not see them acting as leaders. I do not know why this is the case. It could be the age-old stigma of being a standout, especially if it comes to being intelligent. People seem to react negatively to outspoken students. They will think that someone is showing off, or that someone is dominating a conversation for the sake of dominating it.

I have had very smart kids in class who have never said a word, and I found that very disappointing. However, I also understand that they might feel a sense of ostracism if they do speak up, which is a cultural problem amongst young people that I wish we could get around.

In my night classes, where you have a three hour block of time to discuss things and issues can be fleshed out a little bit more, I have had students who have wanted to bring up important topics. It seems to me that a significant number, if not a majority, of students would just role their eyes and think "oh, if this person would shut up maybe we will get out early." That is all they seem to care about.

This is a prime opportunity for students to be in a university setting. It is like no other opportunity they are going to have in their lives. Here, students are free to challenge one another, and challenge themselves to speak up, even if it means making fools of themselves. If that is what it takes, who cares? I find it amazing that students who are so bright do not take advantage of this opportunity. It really is too bad.

Nevertheless, NSU students have not cornered the market on apathy; it is everywhere. I would also suggest that it is not just in this generation.

For years, there has been a free speech alley at LSU where people would have the opportunity to speak and rally, and it has become a joke. When I was there, it was rare that anything of great substance happened. I have often thought of asking whether we could start a free speech alley here on campus, but I do not think that it would cause political discourse at NSU to increase.

I am not concerned about this generation's prospects for future greatness because people do evolve over time. However, I would rather see young people taking advantage of their youth. When you are young, you have the energy and the opportunity to make a difference, yet many people do not take advantage of it. As the saying goes, youth is wasted on the young.

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NSU National Signing Day

Demons announce new recruits for football, lady's soccer

By Leigh Gentry
Sauce Reporter

Head Coach Scott Stoker, along with the rest of the NSU football coaching staff, met to celebrate National Signing Day and announce the new recruits for the 2006 Demon football team. Jimmy Mitchell, head coach for the Lady Demons women's soccer team, also announced his signees for the upcoming soccer season at the announcement party held on Feb. 1, in the Steve and Lori Stroud Room in the NSU Athletic Fieldhouse.

NSU Cheerleaders greeted the alumni and coaching staff at the door, welcoming them to National Signing Day. Mitchell started of the announcement party by discussing his twelve new recruits.

The first of the 12 girls is Sam Breland from Brandon High School in Brandon, MS. Mitchell sees Breland as a good addition to his team and expects her to bring a supreme technical ability to it. Heather Burt, a senior at Kingwood High School in Kingwood, Texas will be playing with the Lady Demons next year; Mitchell believes that she is at or even beyond the skill level he has been looking for. Chelsea Brozgold, an intense player from Arlington High School in Arlington, Texas will also be a Lady Demon next year, and will be coming with her own physical brand of play, according to Mitchell.

Another senior from Arlington, Texas that will be at NSU next year is Ellie Cox from James Martin High School. Mitchell sees her as a valuable midfielder for the upcoming years. Mitchell recruited even more players from Texas with Chelsey Gibbs from Madison High School and Callie Hayes from MacArthur High School, both in San Antonio. Hayes will most likely be put as a defender for the Lady Demons, while Gibbs will be spread out over multiple positions. Lacie Hughes is another recruit from San Antonio; she is seen as a great athelete and is coming from Earl Warren High School.

Missy Oakley is a more local recruit coming from Ruston High School in Ruston, La. Mitchell has followed her since she was a freshman and sees her as a "diamond in the rough." A senior from Hillcrest High School in Dallas will also be attending NSU; Caroline Seago will be able to play a number of positions on the field because of the toughness and attacking mentality that she possesses, according to Mitchell. Georgetown, Texas will be losing Lindy Strahan when she comes to Natchitoches next year to be a goalie for the Lady Demons. Shayna Turner from Long Beach High School in Mississippi was also recruited by Mitchell for her ability to continuously score goals.

All 12 of the girls are known for their notable academic achievements and grade point averages. Last fall's team GPA was 3.62 for the Lady Demons.

Coach Scott Stoker had his chance to speak about his 14 new recruits next. The first of the 14 is Chad Bell, a defensive back for Southwood High School in Shreveport, who will be playing safety in secondary as a freshman at NSU. Jari Brooks, a recruit from Pinkston High School in Dallas, signed with the Demon football team. He was a wide receiver in high school and will bring a lot of size to the team next year.

The Demons were able to acquire the No. 1 tight end on the NSU board, Justin Chatman from Covington High School in Covington, La.

Dennis Clark was also recruited by the NSU coaching staff; he played defensive end for Lakeside High School in Sibley, La, but what proved himself worthy in the coaches eyes was playing basketball.

Daingerfield, Texas will have to let go of Germayne Edmond from Germayne High School. He caught the eyes of the coaches at NSU by playing quarterback for only one year and becoming MVP. The quarterback from St. Mary's and Holy Cross High Schools in New Orleans will be a Demon football player next year. Lance Locoste is not only known for his skills as quarterback but also for his academic ability. Johnnie Lee from Block High School in Jonesville, La. will be playing corner in secondary for NSU next season; he is praised for his speed, which is something that Stoker says cannot be coached.

Ledell Love will be coming to NSU from Skyline High School in Dallas to be defensive end for the Demons. Grant High School's running back Brandon Newsome also signed with NSU; he is from Colfax, La.

Kevin Perry will be a Demon just like his father and brother before him. Perry played wide receiver for Langham Creek High School in Houston. Adam Roy is a senior quarterback from Alexandria Senior High and will make the third recruit for a Demon quarterback.

Three more seniors from Texas signed with the NSU football team this year, and they are Richard Simmons from Hemphill High School in San Augustine, James Swanson, Jr. from Skyline High School and Josh Adams from Jasper. Simmons will be valuable as a defensive end next year; Swanson is known for his position of wide receiver. Adams will play corner because of his ability to cover the field.

All but one of these 14 high school seniors have already academically qualified for the team. Last year's team GPA was 2.6. There were not many offensive linemen to recruit, but Stoker is happy with the signees.

Lady Demons Volleyball welcomes new coach

Courtesy of Sports Information

Brittany Uffelman, who helped coach NSU to its two best seasons in 19 years of Southland Conference volleyball competition, has been named the Lady Demons' new head coach.

Greg Burke, NSU director of athletics, made the announcement Tuesday. Uffelman's promotion from assistant coach to head coach is contingent upon approval by the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana system.

Uffelman succeeds Leigh Mullins, who guided the Lady Demons to 25 SLC wins in her four seasons, 17 in the final two years with Uffelman serving as assistant coach, bolstering a program that had only 26 conference wins in its 15 previous seasons in the SLC.

Mullins resigned effective Dec. 31, moving with her infant daughter to join her husband in North Carolina.

"Brittany has been an integral part of the increased success enjoyed by the NSU volleyball program over the past two seasons, and her hiring ensures that continuity will be sustained as the program looks to take bigger steps in the coming seasons," said Burke. "I am genuinely excited about handing the reins of the NSU volleyball program to her.

"Brittany's leadership and organizational skills are extraordinary and will serve her well as our head volleyball coach. She has a vision for where the program can go but more importantly, has a plan to get us there. On a personal level, she has tremendous character and is well-grounded. That type of approach will be positive for the players and will help in the recruiting process," Burke added.

Uffelman, a Wyoming native and a 2004 graduate of Montana State-Billings, was hired in the spring of 2004 by Mullins and immediately impressed those around the NSU volleyball program with her positive approach and work ethic. She left a lucrative marketing position in the private sector to pursue a Division I coaching position, and two years later becomes one of the youngest head coaches in the nation at the age of 23.

"I am extremely excited," said Uffelman. "I have such great respect for the support system of my administrators and other colleagues here at NSU. They share the same principles and similar philosophies that I have as a person and as a coach."

"Thanks to Coach Mullins, this program has taken strides forward every year. I believe that realistic short term goals are to stay in step with the pace we are moving forward," said Uffelman. "This program achieved milestone one this past season -- we made it to the conference tournament for the first time in school history. Our ultimate, long-term goal, is to win a Southland Conference championship. The players here share the same vision that I have for this program. They are a talented group of girls, and I look forward to our future together."

This fall, the Lady Demons finished sixth in the 11-team league, an all-time best performance, and qualified for the first time ever for the SLC Tournament, where they lost 3-2 to third-seeded and eventual tournament finalist Texas-San Antonio. NSU (11-16 overall, 9-9 in the SLC) posted a school-record of nine SLC victories, even in a hurricane-shortened season in which NSU missed a pair of games against teams that didn't qualify for the tournament.

NSU notched its first-ever wins over Texas State and Texas-Arlington, and only its second victory ever over Texas-San Antonio in the SLC's regular season.

Last season's unprecedented success in SLC play followed a seventh-place 8-12 mark in 2004 that at the time easily ranked as the best showing by the Lady Demons in SLC competition.

Fan support also soared with Uffelman coordinating the program's outreach activities. An array of promotional activities and community involvement by the team combined with a focus on student participation to generate several crowds over 500 in Prather Coliseum, more than double the previous best attendances.

Her recruiting ability and contacts through conducting camps around the region were also attributes that led Burke to promote Uffelman.

"Solid recruiting will be critical to our continued success. Brittany is committed to enhancing the profile and image of NSU volleyball in the high school and club circuit as she seeks out players who can be difference makers. She will be a first-class ambassador for NSU when meeting parents and recruits," he said.

Uffelman, the daughter of a highly successful prep wrestling coach in Wyoming, said her age is an asset in the recruiting process.

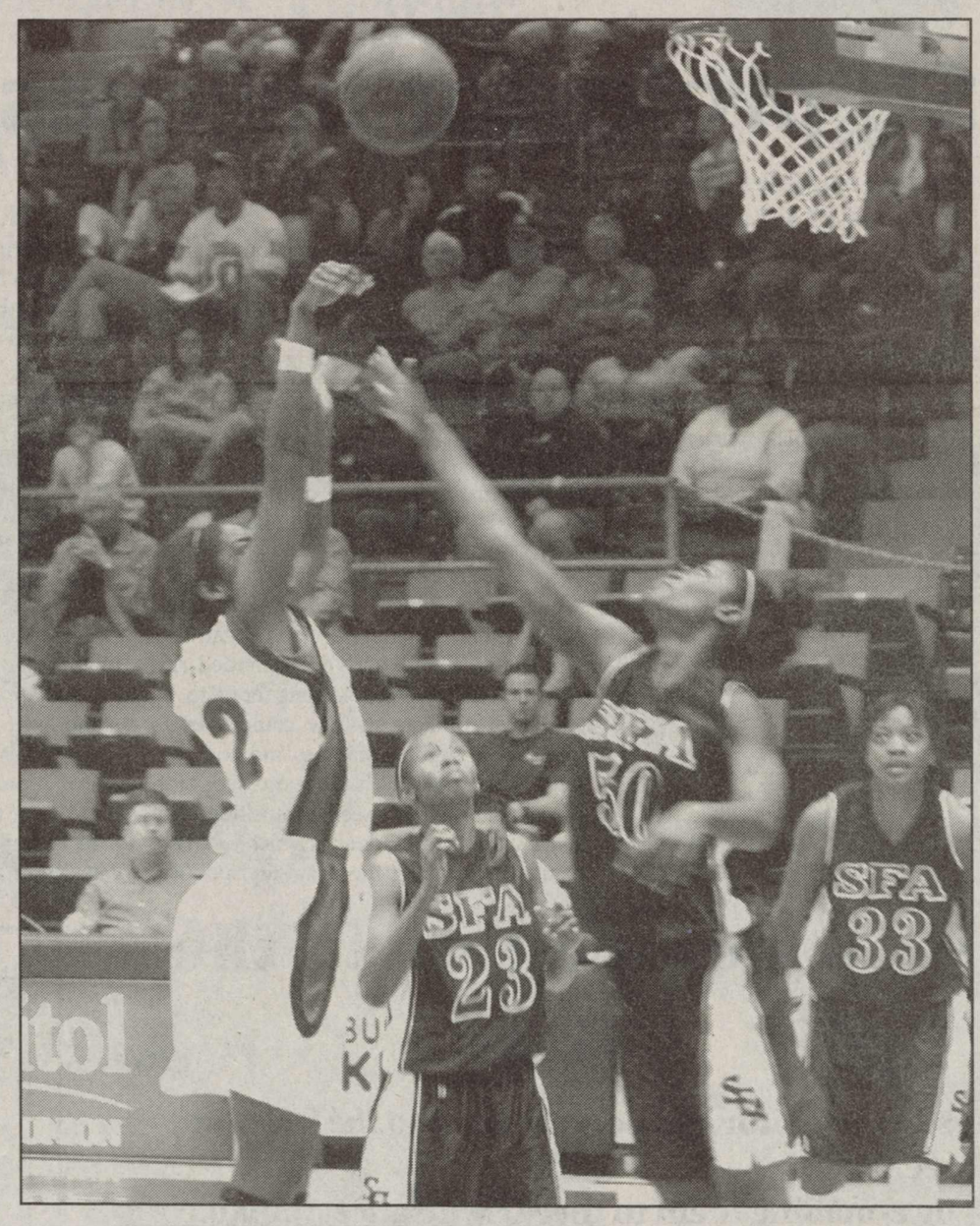
"I am a young coach with the desire and energy level to spend a significant amount of time recruiting. I believe that time and effort recruiting will keep the future for NSU Volleyball looking bright," she said.

A native of Thermopolis, Wyo., Uffelman lettered in volleyball three years at Black Hills State University in South Dakota before finishing her career at Montana State-Billings.

She was a two-time all-state performer at Hot Springs County High School in Wyoming, leading the Bobcats to second and third-place finishes at the state tournament.

In basketball, she helped Hot Springs to a third-place state tournament finish as a junior.

She is the daughter of Bob and Kay Uffelman. Her father was recently inducted in the Montana State-Billings athletic hall of fame for his outstanding college wrestling career, and became a prominent Wyoming high school coach at Wind River and Thermopolis.



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Sheronda Bell shoots for a goal during Saturday's game against rivals Stephen F. Austin. The Lady Demons lost to the Lady Jacks 85-69. NSU will face SLC co-leader Texas-Arlington at 7 tonight.

Demons face Mavericks tonight in Prather

Courtesy of Sports Information

NSU starts round two of the Southland Conference basketball race in Prather Coliseum Thursday evening, hoping to complete a season sweep of Texas-Arlington in a matchup of the league's two most experienced teams.

Tipoff is 6:30 between the Demons (15-6 overall, 8-1 and in first place in the SLC) and the Mavericks (11-11, 4-5).

NSU is the hottest team in the SLC with five straight wins.

UTA has dropped three in a row, falling 80-66 Tuesday night at Louisiana-Monroe after leading by 9 at halftime.

NSU posted a 72-66 triumph last Saturday at Stephen F. Austin in the only meeting this season between the teams.

Four of NSU's remaining seven SLC games are rematches of contests won by the Demons last month.

On Jan. 5, the teams opened the 16-game SLC race in Arlington with NSU mounting an 18-6 run over 3:38 midway through the second half to take command in a 79-67 victory over UTA.

The Mavericks start three seniors, including 2005 All-SLC pick Steven Thomas (12.1 points, 8.0 rebounds per game) and Jarrett Howell (14.5 points, 3.5 assists per game). The Demons have four senior starters and seven seniors overall.

"UTA has three very talented seniors with Thomas, Howell and Brady Dawkins at point guard, guys who are among the best in our conference," said Demons' coach Mike McConathy. "This is always a tough game but one that's fun to play because (UTA coach) Eddie McCarter's teams compete so hard and like to play up-tempo as we do."

The Demons hope to remain unbeaten at home in their eighth game in Prather Coliseum this season. They are 22-2 at home since the beginning of last year.

"The support we've gotten from our fans and our students plays a big role in our success on our homecourt," said McConathy, whose team is drawing an average of 2,451 for its four SLC home games this year. "They make Prather Coliseum a difficult site for visiting teams. "

NSU has four of its next five SLC contests at home before the regular season ends with visits to Texas State and Texas-San Antonio in early March.

"We've got to defend our home court to keep the upper hand in the conference race," said McConathy. "This is a very big week for us with home games against UTA and Louisiana-Monroe."

The Demons play host to the Indians Saturday at 2.

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Campus Connections

The Current Sauce welcomes submissions for **Campus Connections**, a free service to organizations planning events that will be open to NSU students.

Bring **Connections** to **Kyser 225G**, or e-mail them to **thecurrentsauce@gmail.com**. Please include a name and telephone number. We reserve the right to refuse any **Connection**.

Financial Aid counselors come to dorms on campus

The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships will have financial aid counselors in dorm lobbies to provide information and answer students' questions regarding deadlines for the upcoming academic year: Fall 2006 and Spring 2007.

The counselors will be in University Place, the University Columns and Boozman, Bossier, Sabine and Varnado Halls today from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

"Winter Constellations"

Nate Pritts, visiting assistant professor of language and communication at NSU, will be reading from his book of poetry, "Winter Constellations," on Saturday at 7 p.m.

The reading will take place at the Tin House Barbeque and Tin Cup Cafe on the corner of Church and Third Streets, parallel to Front Street.

The feature reading will be followed by an open mic, so the audience can bring some of their own creative work to share.

For more information about "Winter Constellations, visit horselesspress.com.

Big Easy Week In Full Swing

On Tuesday students will be given the opportunity to receive a free cupful of hot red beans and rice in the Friedman Student Union lobby.

Students will be able to hear the festive sounds of the Steve Wells Dixie Land Combo jazz band performing live from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Students' masterpieces from the banner contest will be on display throughout the lobby for students to view.

This event full of food, music and art will appeal to all the students senses.

In order to participate, students must bring one item on the pre-approved list found in the Big Easy Week registration packet.

Registration packets may be picked up at the Department of Student Activities Room 214 in the Student Union.

Throughout Big Easy Week students need to bring listed Mardi Gras mask materials in order to gain access to scheduled events.

All items will be collected will be donated for volunteers to make Mardi Gras masks at the Cane River Girls Home.

Students and sponsors from various organizations will be at the Girls Home from 4:30 p.m. to 6p.m. on Thursday to help assist with the mask service project.

Yonna Pasch, assistant director of student activities, said "The NSU Express is really excited about the upcoming events, and we want to encourage every student to participate."

Aramark has gotten involved with "Jazzing it Up" by donating the red beans and rice.

For more information about getting involved with "Jazzing it up" or the Cane River Girls Home service project, please contact Yonna Pasch at pasch@nsula.edu.

Lacie Jackson

Omega Psi Phi to hold clothing drive

The Xi Alpha Alpha and Theta Delta chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will conduct its first Black History Month Clothing Drive on Thursday.

The Brothers of Omega will place bins, each displaying the greek letter Omega, in every dorm lobby for students to bring their items.

All articles of clothing and shoes are welcome, preferably clean.

The items will be delivered to local group homes and homeless shelters.

For more information, contact Bobby Benjamin at (318) 730-3488 or Isaiah Boyd at (504) 813-0361.

Financial Aid appeal deadline approaching

The final deadline to submit a Spring 2006 financial aid appeal will be Feb. 28.

Appeal forms, along with documentation, must be submitted by the Feb. 28 deadline.

Campus goes wireless

New wireless technology helps students get online throughout university

By Chris Reich
Photo Editor

The wireless network around campus is installed and ready for students to use, inside buildings at least.

Information Systems finished the installation of their wireless access points around campus last week.

The only places left to install the access points are the outdoor areas. These installs are on hold until parts arrive. Information Systems is expecting these parts to arrive in about a week, with the install taking only a couple days, said Jim McCrory, director of Information Systems.

Students will need to have a laptop with either an add-on wireless card or an internal one that supports the 802.11 b/g wireless standard. Most laptops and cards support these standards. Information systems has a list of cards that they officially support, but most cards will work fine.

The NSU Help Desk has the same walkthrough as the one on the right. They can help students set up their computer to access the wireless network or help make the choice of which card is needed. The phone number is 357-6696. They are available from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Steps for Windows XP

- Click start
- Choose control panel
- Right click wireless network connection, then click properties
- Click wireless networks tab
- Click add button
- Type in Secure_Student in the network name (SSID) box
- Set network authentication to WPA
- Click the authentication tab
- Click the drop down box under EAP type and select Protected EAP (PEAP)
- Click the properties button

Make sure the "Validate server certificate" box is unchecked

- Under select authentication methods, make sure that secured password (EAP-MSCHAPS v2) is selected. Click configure next to the selection.
- When the window comes up on your screen, uncheck "Automatically use my Windows logon name and passwords (and domain if any)"
- Click ok, ok, ok on the 3 open dialog boxes. A box in the bottom left corner of the screen will appear.
- Click on the bubble to display the credentials. Type in your user name and password as usual. In the domain you will type in Student.

Steps for 10.4 Mac OS X Tiger

- Click the apple menu and choose system preferences
- Choose network and click on airport
- Make sure that "by default, connect to preferred networks" is selected.
- Click the + sign to add a network.
- Type in Secure_Student in the first space.
- Choose WPA Enterprise from the drop down menu.
- Type in the user name and your password in the fields; leave the 802.1x set to automatic.
- Click ok and then select apply now.
- A dialog box will come up and hit ok.

NSU student hit by car on campus

By David Dinsmore
Sauce Reporter

A car struck a 25-year-old student Wednesday morning.

Shane Lodrigue, the university police officer who worked the scene, said the incident occurred at 11:16 a.m. when the woman was crossing the street.

Lodrigue said the woman was not using the crosswalk.

A Honda CR-V hit the student on her left knee as she was walking from the Friedman Student Union parking lot in front of Kyser Hall to the parking lot next to Dodd and St. Denis Halls.

Lodrigue said the vehicle "struck her on the left knee. That's pretty much the only injury she had."

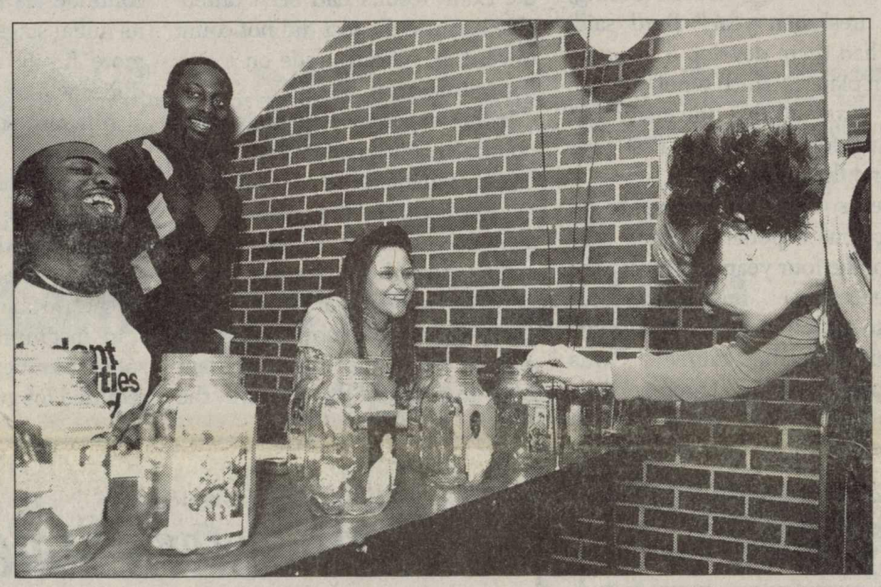
When the ambulance arrived, the paramedics wrapped the woman's knee and then transported her to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital.

Det. Doug Prescott said he wanted assurance that the woman's family was contacted before her name could be released.

Students should use this as a good reason to heed crosswalks because they are the areas designated for students to cross the street, Sgt. Sonnia Steele said.

However, drivers also need to be paying extra attention while driving on campus, Steele said.

Students get 'Singled Out'



Cheryl Thompson/ The Current Sauce

Students vote on "Singled Out" contestants by donating money on Monday in Kyser Hall.
See page 5 for the complete story.

SGA forfeits control over student media

By Jim Mustian
Sauce Reporter

The Student Government Association may soon be forfeiting some of its control over the student media.

A bill passed Monday night would give the Student Media Board the last word when selecting publication editors for the *Current Sauce*, *Potpourri* and *Argus* as well as a station manager for KNWD-FM.

The SGA currently holds the right to veto the media board's selections for any reason it sees fit.

SGA President Alan Sypert said the current by-laws are redundant because the SGA also appoints student members to the media board.

"I don't think the SGA should have the amount of authority over the media board that it does," he said. "What this does is it takes away oversight from the SGA, not the students."

Sypert said complications have arisen in the past because SGA members are in no position to decide on the media board's choices.

"Ninety percent of the SGA, including myself, has no idea what's going on in the journalism department," he said.

Sypert said media board members are better able to determine whether candidates are responsible enough for the position.

Mary Brocato, an assistant professor of journalism, said the students appointed to the media board are likely to be "fairly familiar with student media." The media board, she said, also consists of faculty members who have been exposed to the candidates.

Vice President of External Affairs Jerry Pierce, who serves as chairman of the media board, said the proposal is logical.

"I think it's a very good decision," he said.

A ratification of this type, as outlined by a provision in the SGA's constitution, requires the approval of the student body.

If signed by NSU President Randall J. Webb, the proposal would be voted on by students later this semester.

Coupled with the bill is a constitutional amendment which eliminates the need of student approval in the future.

Senator Elaine Broussard said similar legislation has been passed by the SGA before but never appeared on any ballot. She said complications last summer, which led to temporary delays in the student media, could have been avoided had a student vote not been required to finalize such changes.

Brocato said the issue during the summer came about because student members had not been appointed to the media board. As a result, the media board could not convene and no editors or managers could be named. This temporarily froze the awarding of scholarships, and would-be editors missed workshops and the opportunity to gain experience.

Sypert said the legislation should lead to a more defined separation between the student government and media. "Hopefully this will fix this flaw in our constitution."

NSU professor elected to Board of International Coalition of Addiction Studies Education

By Lane Luckie
Sauce Reporter

Joseph D. Biscoe III, assistant professor of psychology, was recently elected to the Board of the International Coalition of Addiction Studies Education (INCASE).

INCASE was established in 1990 to promote discussion in the field of addiction studies, raise standards for professionals, and enhance the quality of education in the concentration.

Biscoe said his appointment will put NSU on the map with other prestigious schools in the field.

"Students within the addiction studies concentration will be receiving the same base instruction as those in other schools across the country. This means that someone who is field certified in Louisiana should have the same foundation of knowledge and principles as others around the world," he said.

Students will be receiving instruction that should position them to enter the job market, he said.

"Addiction studies are a relatively new area, and Louisiana is in dire need for professionals in this field," he said. "Through INCASE, we will decide which approaches are the best for treating someone."

Many professions create organizations to establish standards and goals, such as the American Psychological Association. Biscoe said INCASE will benefit everyone associated with addiction studies through standards and accountability. "The coalition will help with competency in the field of addiction studies with the educator and the practitioner. We're really raising the bar and strengthening the foundation," he said.

Through INCASE, Biscoe will be a member of the team that decides the direction of the addiction studies field, setting guidelines as well as principles and standards.

Local Weather Forecast

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School of Social Sciences institutes new capstone course

By Raymond Billy Jr
Opinion Editor

NSU's School of Social Sciences has undertaken a subtle change in recent months.

Beginning last fall, the school instituted a capstone course for graduating seniors in four of the social science disciplines.

Former director of the School of Social Sciences Kathleen Byrd, assistant sociology professor William Housel, and criminal justice coordinator Joe Morris jointly decided the course was needed.

Byrd said the school developed the capstone to help students in the social sciences graduate with a higher level of preparedness.

She also said the course will tie in nicely with the social science version of Orientation 1010, which the school has been administering for several years.

"We … developed our own orientation and part of the orientation course was to get the students thinking of their careers (during) their freshmen year," Byrd said. "We had them develop a five-year action plan … which is not only the four years at the university but looking forward to the first year beyond the university."

She also said "the idea was to get a capstone experience at the very end of the four years to prepare the students to go … on to grad school or into the job market," Byrd said.

She said the course "was designed to bring together their whole college experience and then prepare them for the next stage of their careers."

The course is divided into two sections: an A-term and a B-term course. It covers sociology, history, political science, and the new heritage resources program. Anthropology students will be able to take the course under the banner of heritage resources.

In the A-term portion, students learn to refine the research skills that they have been developing throughout their college careers. They will also be required to take a senior exit exam.

The B-term section is geared toward helping students put together job resumes and teaching them steps they should take in applying to graduate or law school.

Gregory Granger, director of the School of Social Sciences, said the exit exam was added to the capstone course to help the school to evaluate its effectiveness in teaching the social sciences. In the past, the exam results had been unreliable because the test did not count toward an official grade on a student's transcript, he said.

In his experience administering political science exit exams, many bright students did not do well on the test because "they just did not feel like taking it seriously and rushed through it," Granger said.

"By making it part of the capstone course, thereby making it part of the grade that a student gets, that gives the student the incentive to really pay attention to the exam and also allows us to put the exam in a more professional context."

Housel designed the academic structure of the capstone course. Starting next fall, a research paper will be assigned during the A-term section, he said. The research will be approximately twenty-five pages long, and students will work with professors in their majors to develop their research, he said.

"What we want to do is take something that they've already written for class … like a ten page paper for class and expand it and actually work with the students on how do you research, how do you write something that is possibly of publishable quality," Housel said.

"To some extent this is interdisciplinary, and hopefully there will be some cross-fertilization of ideas between the different disciplines," he said.

Housel said he taught the class during its first semester and will continue teaching the capstone in its initial stages. After the course is more firmly established, teaching duties will be rotated among several different social sciences faculty members.

Granger said Housel was picked to design the course and teach it because his doctorate is in social sciences, even though he mostly teaches sociology.

In instituting the capstone, the same number of hours will be required for graduation in each discipline. The School of Social Sciences has eliminated three hours of electives from each area of study to make room for the capstone, Granger said.

Only students who entered NSU during or after the fall 2005 semester will be required to take the capstone, but it is open to all social science seniors.

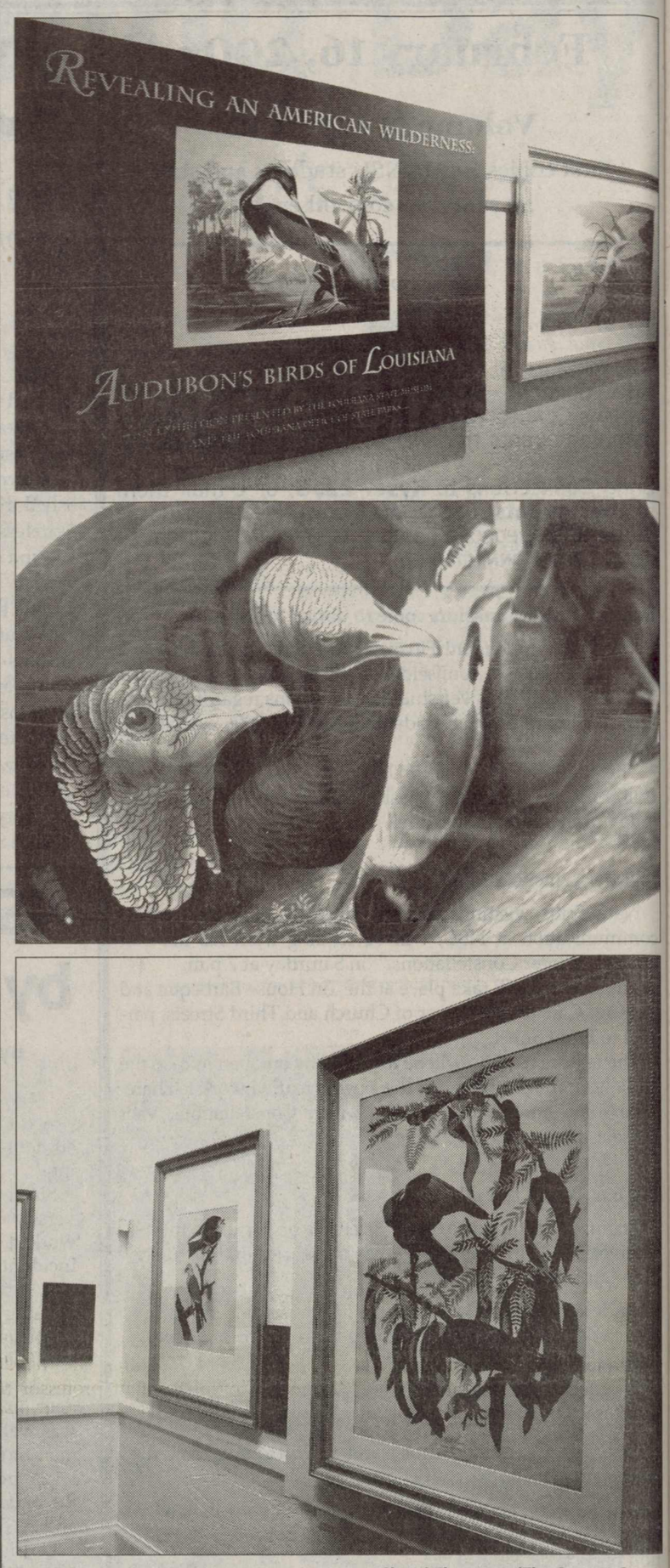
Housel said in addition to bettering the academic experience for students, the capstone was also created with the upcoming Southern Regional Colleges and Schools review in mind.

The SACS Commission on Colleges is the recognized regional accrediting body for southern states. The organization visits NSU every 10 years and will next come to the school during the spring 2007 semester, Housel said.

Granger said the school decided against having individual capstones for each social science because it is a small school and few students graduate in each discipline every semester. He said it would have been a waste of time and money to have separate capstones.

Granger also said the SACS organization values interdisciplinary education, so consolidating the capstone will help NSU during the upcoming review.

Housel said the capstone course had to be approved by the School of Social Sciences' Curriculum Review Council, then the NSU CRC before it was instituted.



Cheryl Thompson/The Current Sauce
These three paintings are part of the Audobon exhibit now showing at the Old Courthouse State Museum on Second Street.

Audubon's 'Birds of America' collection comes to Natchitoches

By Jim Mustian
Sauce Reporter

Birds of all types and colors, some even extinct, have migrated to the Old Courthouse State Museum to be featured in John J. Audubon's famous collection of "Birds of America."

The exhibition, titled "Revealing an American Wilderness: Audubon's Birds of Louisiana," began Friday with a reception and opening program led by guest speakers Gabriela Hernandez, curator of education and music programming from the Office of State Museums, and David Latona, interpretive program developer of naturalists programming from the Office of State Parks.

Hernandez lectured briefly on Audubon's life as a bird lover and the nature of his work.

She said the "Birds of America" collection, which contains 435 prints altogether, has a long history, as some parts have been stolen and since recovered.

According to an article published in 1981 by *The New York Times*, one volume of prints was taken from the Peabody Institute Library in Massachusetts before the Federal Bureau of Investigation reached an agreement to have it returned.

The prints now on display are the property of the Louisiana State Museum System and were first acquired by the state in 1834.

Carolyn Harrington, the museum division director, said the prints had to be moved from the Old U.S. Mint Museum in New Orleans to a site in Baton Rouge because of Hurricane Katrina.

The exhibit in Natchitoches had been planned before the storm, Harrington said.

Mayor Wayne McCullen said the exhibit will be important for tourism.

"The city of Natchitoches is very fortunate to have this opportunity," he said.

The exhibit is scheduled to remain on display until Aug. 5.

Audubon, who died in 1851, was known for innovating ways to capture birds in life-like poses.

Hernandez said one of those methods was affixing birds to wires attached to wooden boards in order to suspend them in interactive positions.

Audubon is also respected for the precision and accuracy with which he depicted each bird.

Barbara Brister, a resident of Coushatta who attended the reception, said, "The detail is just phenomenal. That one there, you can see every little hair," she said pointing to a print of an owl.

Harrington said she appreciates the "absolutely amazing detail" found in each print.

Latona presented a slide show in which he compared several of the prints to actual photographs taken of the birds in the wild.

Latona said some of the official names of the birds are those that Audubon gave them during his observations.

A few of the birds featured in the collection, such as the Carolina parakeet, have become extinct while others remain endangered.

The Old Courthouse State Museum is located on Second Street in downtown Natchitoches.

The museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Admission is $2 for students and $3 for adults.

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Book Merchant presents 'Vagina Monologues'

By Kristen Alexander
Sauce Reporter

The Vagina Monologues, a world-known production promoting women's individual and sexual safety in society, will be presented Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The performance will be held at the Book Merchant, located at 512 Front Street. A $2 entrance fee is required and all proceeds will go to a local battered women's shelter. Early arrival is suggested due to limited seating.

The performance is part of global anti-violence acts toward women

Gretchen Johnson, director of the production, is a senior theatre major, who had the personal desire to present this performance for the people in the Natchitoches area.

According to the official web site for the play, (www.vday.org), thousands of volunteer activists and theatre performers around the world choose to present this performance in their communities in an effort to encourage society in becoming more comfortable when discussing topics concerning a woman's body, typically her vagina, as well as to inform people of acts of violence taken toward women.

Johnson said she was introduced to the production two years ago when it was first presented in the Natchitoches area under the direction of Oona Zbitkovskis, an NSU graduate.

"When I was in it I really enjoyed it," Johnson said. "It taught me a lot about myself. I feel that Natchitoches needs the Vagina Monologues and I hope it will help women become more comfortable with their sexuality."

Although the play is not affiliated with NSU, eight of the 11 women performing are NSU students, including Johnson.

The remaining cast members are NSU graduates.

Johnson said the production will contain monologues that present facts informing women of issues they may have been unaware of concerning their vaginas or have not before been able to discuss openly about in public.

Performers will recite stories about topics such as STD's, rape, and even on how men react differently to the fact that a woman is a "moaner in bed," Johnson said.

"Parts of the play are expected to make people uncomfortable but it's good to be shaken up some times," Johnson said.

"This is deeper than simply women talking about their vaginas. It is a collection of survival stories, encouraging women not to be ashamed of who they are and to gain the attention of people about violent acts that have been taken against women over the years," she said.

"The play will educate women on their bodies and questions will be answered that maybe a woman has always wanted to know, but has never asked before."

Johnson said the focal point of the play is not to create controversy in the community but to help women be comfortable about speaking openly and with confidence on issues concerning their bodies and sexuality.

"People who will be uncomfortable with the production just won't come, although those who don't come are the people I feel need the Vagina Monologue the most," she said.

The play was created by playwright Eve Ensler, who gathered a collection of more than 200 women's stories and interviews about their vaginas and had other women read their stories to an audience in an effort to celebrate women's strength and sexuality.

According to vday.org, performances of the Vagina Monologues have now been viewed in theatres worldwide, translated in more than 35 languages, and have also had an original documentary of the play appear on HBO in 2002.

According to the official website, the inspiration Ensler received from the monologues gave her the idea to create V Day, a global movement that supports and raises money for anti-violence organizations that fight rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation and sexual slavery against women and girls.

In seven years, V Day benefit events have raised more than $30 million and have been named one of "100 Best Charities" in Worth Magazine.

Johnson said, "I think it's important to be honest with yourself and talk about everything. Hopefully there will be a story that every woman will be able to relate to and realize that she is not alone."

Studying abroad made easy

By Leigh Gentry
Sauce Reporter

For students looking for a way to study abroad, NSU offers four different international study programs, which are headed by Louisiana Scholars' College professors.

Jim Picht, assistant professor of economics in the Louisiana Scholars' College is in charge of the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP).

Picht said, students can attend schools in other countries that are part of the ISEP program.

The credits still apply to NSU and the students pay the same for tuition as they do at NSU. The students are charged for a meal plan, a double room, tuition, and the regular fees that come with going to NSU. This is a popular program for juniors in the Scholars' College.

"Living overseas is good for getting a job and a good way to improve language skills, because you are immersed in another culture," Picht said.

Another international study program here is called NSU in Rome.

Richard Jensen, associate professor of history in the Louisiana Scholars' College, said he and some colleagues have been taking a group of students to Rome every few summers since Jean D'Amato, professor of classics in the Scholars' College, handed the program over to Jensen in 2000.

The last trip took place last summer and the next trip to Rome is scheduled for summer 2008, Jensen said.

Those who participate in the trip to the Naples and Rome areas have seen ancient monuments and observed architecture from the different periods of Italian culture. They have even attended cultural functions such as the opera.

The trip is offered to anyone who is interested, but each person must pay his or her own way.

Students can register for credit and even apply for loans and financial aid through NSU. There is no limit to the number of people who can go, but there are usually 10 students who attend.

Jensen said this trip is important both for students and teachers.

"For students Italy is beautiful, interesting and historical; they love it," he said.

"It is a big pay of for me, because I get to see Italy and the students' reactions. Their lives really change being in a different society," Jensen said.

There are two other international study programs that allow students to travel to France. One is called the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL) and the other is the International Mission for the Coordination of Franco-American Exchanges (MICEFA),

The programs are headed by Lisa Wolffe, assistant professor romance languages in the Scholars' College.

CODOFIL is an exchange program that could last for either a summer or a year.

MICEFA is a yearlong program and is similar to ISEP. Students pay at NSU but attend class in France.

Most of the MICEFA schools are in Paris. All the coursework is in French; therefore, the program offers a language adaptation class to be taken a month ahead of traveling to France.

CODOFIL and MICEFA are more competitive than ISEP. This experience opens up multiple doors to students, such as assistantships offered by the French government.

This allows American students to teach English to French students while getting paid a stipend.

Wolffe said she believes in these two programs because they are good for students who want to teach French in the United States. They are also good ways to get overseas without a lot of cost.

D'Amato helps direct students interested in the classics to programs such as the Classical Consortium of the University of Louisiana System.

This is a program that NSU belongs to as a university but one that is not very successful in getting students to attend The cost is high and there are not many classics students.

Another program D'Amato guides students to is one that takes them to Ireland to study Greek and Latin during the summer. This is done on an individualized basis, as opposed to NSU in Rome, which is a group trip.

D'Amato uses her contacts to help students get ahead in their studies.

NSU Police Blotter

2/8/06
1:15 p.m.
A Wellness, Recreation and Activities Center employee got stuck in the elevator. An officer arrived at the scene and was able to open the door by pushing the elevator button.

2/9/06
11:33 a.m.
The green light for the northbound lane of Caspari Street was reported to have gone out.

2/10/06
1:13 a.m.
A vehicle was found driving on the bike path near the farm gate at the intersection of Tarlton Drive and Jefferson Street.

7:03 p.m.
Boozman Hall fire alarms sounded. After the fire department arrived, the cause was discovered to be "burnt cooking."

2/11/06
3:52 a.m.
An ambulance arrived at the University Columns to transport a visitor to the hospital. The subject was thought to have drunk too much alcohol. An IV had to be administered before subject was transported.

2/13/06
10:05 a.m.
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David Dinsmore

Composer to visit NSU

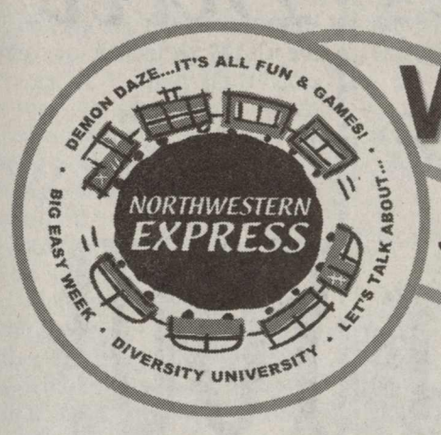
Andi Bass
Sauce Reporter

Martin Ellerby, a critically acclaimed composer, will be at NSU from today until Feb. 23.

On Tuesday at 4 p.m., Ellerby will give a lecture, open to all students, in Magale Recital Hall.

Also on Tuesday, a concert featuring Ellerby's music will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall.

An NSU Wind Symphony concert, also featuring Ellerby, will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall.



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These paintings are also part of the Audobon exhibit now showing at the Old Courthouse State Museum on Second Street. The exhibit will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday until Aug. 5. Admission is $2 for students and $3 for adults. Story on pg. 2.

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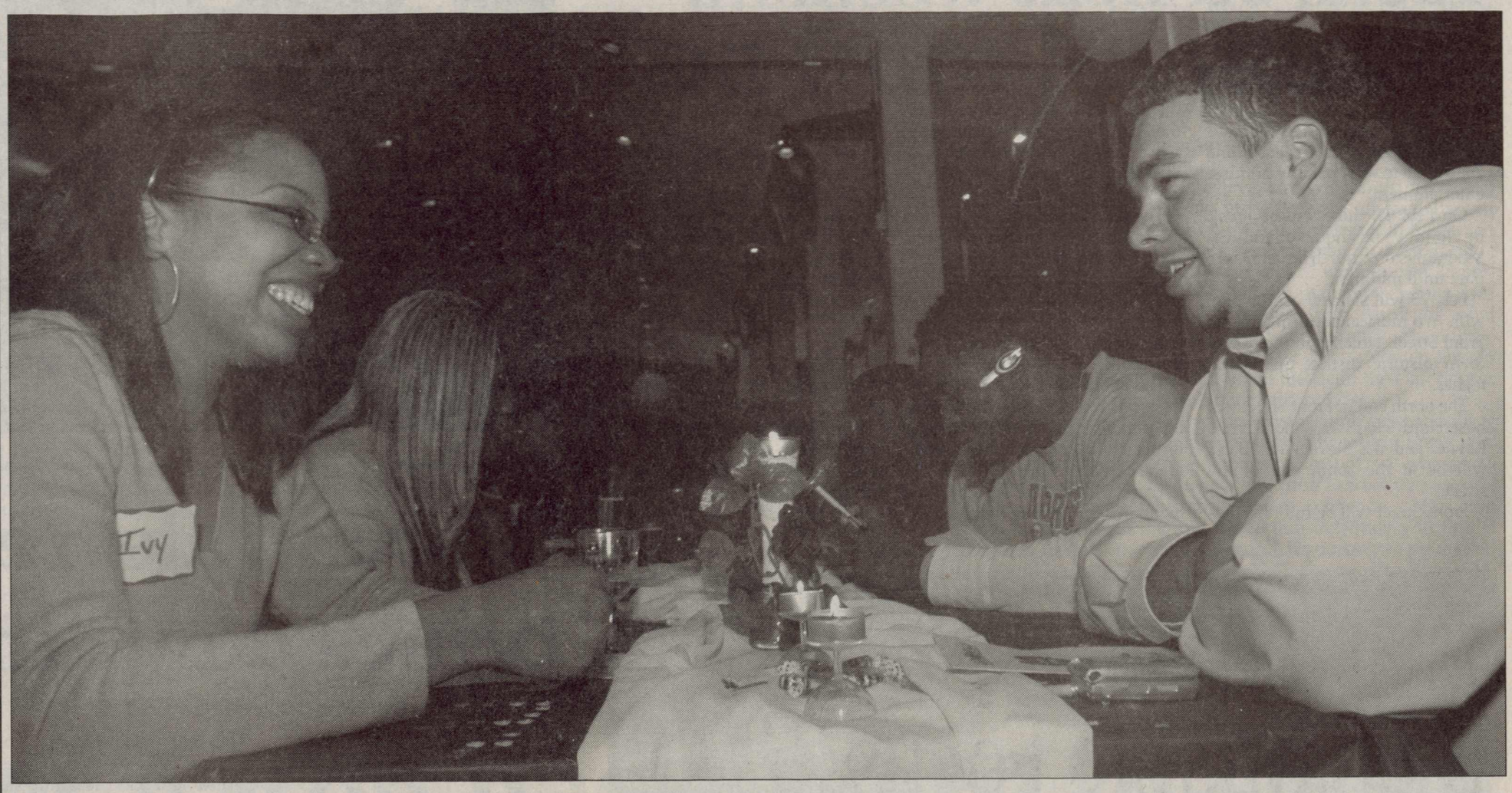
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- *Mirrormask*

Source: CDNOW.com



Speed Dating: love in the fast lane

By Kayla Brossett
Sauce Reporter

The NSU chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists hosted Speed Dating in the lobby of the Student Union on Feb. 7.

The art of Speed Dating has become increasingly popular, and many people have seen examples on episodes of "Sex and the City" or on the romantic comedy "Hitch." In these scenarios, women and men meet in a hurry in hopes of finding their soul mates.

Although soul mates might not have been found, NABJ did its best to increase the chances for singles at NSU to open up to a new experience and perhaps gain a phone number or two.

Tazmin Ivey, president of NABJ, said, "We wanted to have an activity for single students since it was so close to Valentine's Day. So hopefully someone now has a Valentine because of Speed Dating."

For a fee of $3 students, 23 students were set up on 23 mini-dates to get to know members of the opposite sex a little better.

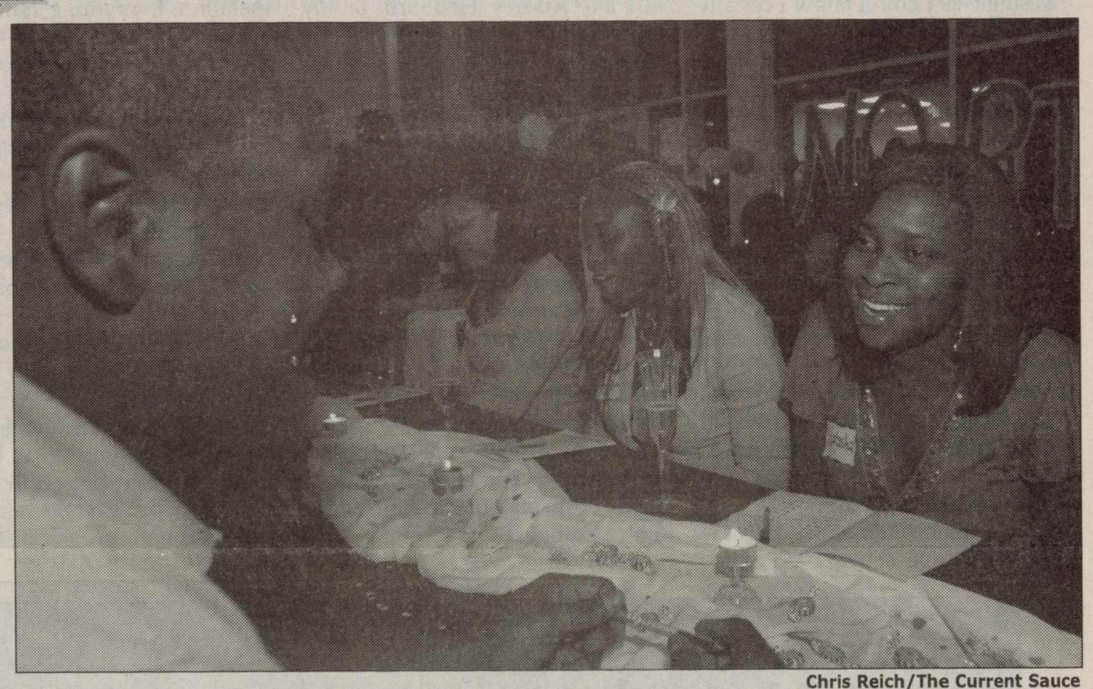
Every five minutes each man would sit in front of a different woman until they had talked to every woman there. The women had name cards where they checked off who they liked as the guys rotated. NABJ left it up to the participants to decide if they would like to exchange contact information and possibly go on a date.

Ivy Mitchell, a junior accounting major, was one of the participants.

"I came to have fun and meet new people," she said.

"The atmosphere was well organized and romantic so I hopefully made a few possible connections," she added.

Ivey said"Speed Dating was very successful, so we have decided to make it an annual event around this time of year. We are also planning to have another one very soon."



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Top: Junior accounting major Ivy Mitchell and sophomore health and human performance major Martin Falkerson enjoy their "date" Thursday night at speed dating. *Above:* Junior business administration major Kevin Sherman "dates" junior news editorial major Natasha Anderson Thursday night at Speed Dating.

'Singled Out' game show storms campus, SAB style

By Katie Lopez
News Editor

The Student Activities Board hosted its own version of MTV's "Singled Out" Monday night in the Friedman Student Union ballroom.

In order to qualify for the game show spin-off, each candidate had jars with their pictures on them placed outside Vic's from Jan. 30 to Feb. 10. Students voted for two guys and two girls they wanted to participate in the game by placing money in their jars, which was donated to the American Heart Association. The four students with the most money were selected to participate.

Ivy Mitchell, a junior accounting major, said she decided to participate because she is single and thought it would fun to win a date with someone.

"It turned out to be one of my friends." Mitchell said. "I think this will be a great date because we'll already have something to talk about."

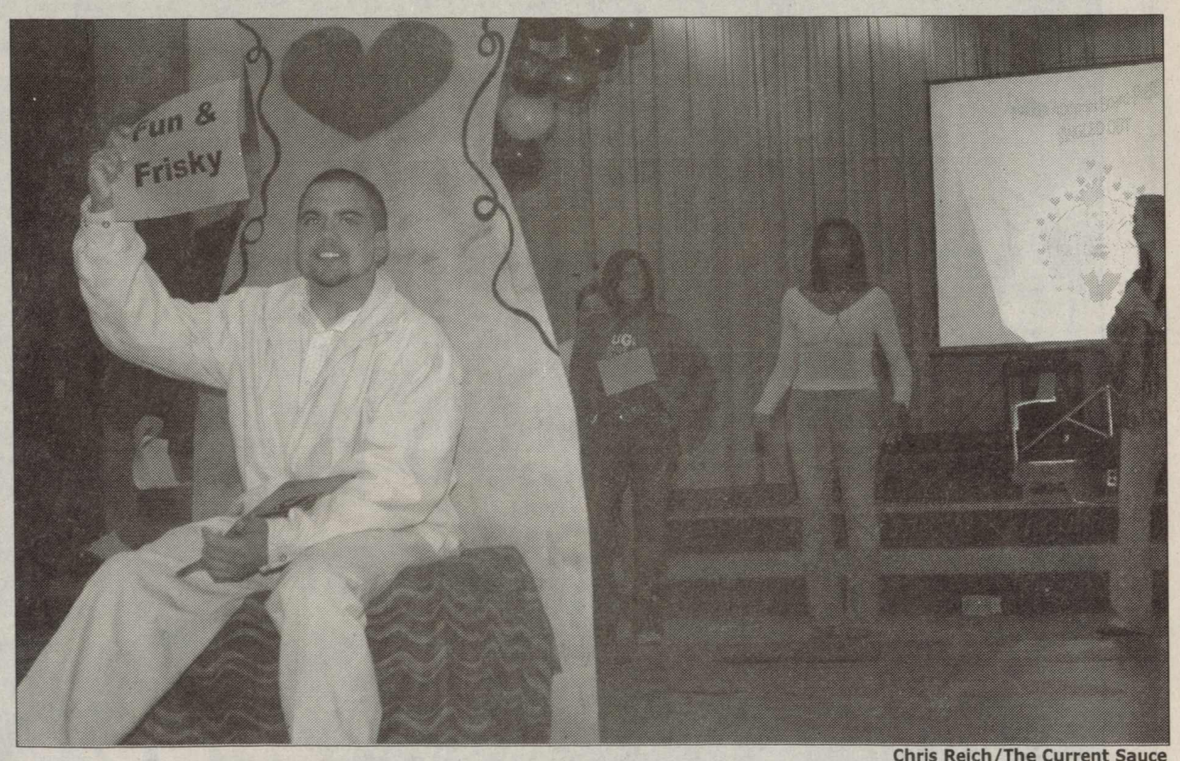
Jessica Lee, SAB president, said SAB decided to do "Singled Out" because they wanted fun things for students to participate in. Fees are collected from students every year for such events.

Lee said SAB started planning the event last semester. "We wanted to do it around Valentine's Day, and it just turned out so good."

Students competing for the hearts of the contestants filled out cards and chose the answers that best described them. Each contestant then answered a series of questions. If the girl or guy did not match up to what the contestants were looking for, they had to leave.

One exception to this rule was the Golden Ticket. If someone a contestant liked was asked to leave, the contestant could give that person a ticket, which would bring him or her back in the game.

Contest winners were awarded a gift certificate to eat at either Chili's or Dominic's.



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Ricky Larvadain, a senior electrical engineering technology major, describes the kind of underwear he likes his girls to wear during Singled Out monday night.

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Why Having a Pet is Good for Your Mind

By Ashley Samson

If you are like most college students, you most likely have some memory of a family or friend's pet that you played with when you were younger. Studies show that 62 percent of families in the U.S. have at least one pet in their homes and that 43 percent of college students own pets.

Pets make great companions, and there are many benefits to owning one. Pets can provide us with a distraction from our worries. They also encourage social interaction and provide a soothing presence.

Pets can help you manage your stress. The act of petting or stroking an animal in a rhythmic, repetitive motion or watching fish swim in an aquarium can help relieve stress for many people. This is good news because having a high stress level can result in several physical and psychological health problems, including migraine headaches, insomnia, and ulcers. A study of women undergoing stress tests demonstrated that the presence of a dog had a greater effect on lowering blood pressure than the presence of friends.

Pets can be a good form of emotional therapy. Animals have become a popular form of emotional therapy in many hospitals and nursing homes. Patients who have contact with animals tend to be less depressed and respond better to medical treatments.

At home, pets can have the same affect on their owners. Many people will talk to their pets as if they were human, since pets will oftentimes give you their undivided attention and offer support in their own unique ways.

Pets can also help us recover from serious illness by giving us psychological support. How? Having an animal companion makes us feel less lonely and isolated. Pets can help decrease feelings of depression and worry, both of which can slow your recovery time.

So, next time you are feeling down or are just in a bad mood, spend some time with your pet or borrow a friend's if you don't have your own, and you will be feeling better in no time.

Events on campus commemorate Black History Month



By Willie Valerie
Sauce Reporter

NSU's African-American Caucus and Helping Hands will be sponsoring black history-related events this month.

The Black History Museum, which showcases the lives of prominent black historical figures, began today in the Friedman Student Union lobby. The museum will remain on display until tomorrow.

On Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom, there will be a Black History Quiz Bowl, which is largely based on the popular television game show "Jeopardy!" There will be questions about different topics concerning blacks, such as historical and sports figures.

Helping Hands, an organization sponsored by NSU's Student Support Services, will be sponsoring a black history program on Thursday in Magale Recital Hall.

Zenobia Dale, secretary of Helping Hands, said, "The program will empower and enrich people of all ethnic backgrounds."

There will be a new approach to the black history program this year, Dale said. In previous years, the program involved participants reading things to the audience about black historical figures, but those who will participate in the program this year will be more active.

"We want people to act and get involved instead of just reading things," she said. "Our focus is to make people privy to the different accomplishments of blacks."

The program will open up with a small performance and highlights of the Harlem Renaissance.

There will also be vocal performances from members of NSU's Lifted Voices choir, the Anointed Perfections praise dance team, and Helping Hands adviser Jamie Flanagan.

For more information about the black history events sponsored by the AAC, contact Shannon Moore, vice president of the AAC, at 318-426-0982. For more information concerning the program sponsored by Helping Hands, contact Dale at 318-349-7529.

Natchitoches Mardi Gras kicks off next weekend

By Leigh Gentry
Sauce Reporter

This year Mardi Gras Magic is coming to Natchitoches Feb. 24 and 25, complete with parades and free entertainment.

On Feb. 24, there will be music by Johnny Earthquake and the Moondogs on Church Street from 6 p.m. until midnight.

Feb. 25 will start off at 2:30 p.m. with two musical performances on Front Street, which is in the downtown historic district of Natchitoches.

The north end of Front Street will host Hardrick Rivers and River's Revue, and the Steve Wells Band will be at the south end of the street.

Front Street will be full of activities for the entire family that day.

The list of entertainers includes the Mardi Gras Rockettes of Ebarb, the Cajun Steppers of Natchitoches, CeCe the Clown, Tim Pardue, the St. Mary's Tiger Line, and Jelly the Clown.

The entertainers will be there to perform dances, juggling, magic trick, balloon sculpting, face painting, and making cotton candy.

The Mardi Gras Parade will take place at 5:30p.m., starting on the east side of the city and going downtown.

The Krewe of Dionysos, one of the local krewes, will be the hosting the parade. This krewe is known for its strands of white beads with grape clusters.

There will also be a parade for night owls, complete with lights, beads, doubloons, and approximately fifty parade floats.

What Saturday night would be complete without firecrackers? A fireworks show will be presented by Cane River; onlookers can watch from the riverbank adjacent to Front Street at 7:45p.m., after the nighttime parade. The show will be on the north end of the street. The night will not end with the fireworks show, however.

Von Orange, another local band to play at 8:15p.m. on the River Front Stage, located about midway from one end of Front Street to the other.

The Natchitoches Historic District Business Association is hosting these events. Visit Natchitoches.net for more information on Mardi Gras weekend.



Teranda Donatto/The Current Sauce
Kent Bernard, Robert Robinson, Shane Stelly, David Combs playing Lord Chamberlain's Men in "March Tale."

'March Tale' really brings down the house

By Andi Bass
Sauce Reporter

How many times have you found yourself complaining that there is nothing to do in this town or that you are too broke to do anything fun?

Try attending one of the many free activities offered on campus. For instance, this week "March Tale," a theatre production, will be performed in A.A. Fredericks Fine Arts Center for Creative and Performing Arts.

"March Tale is a show about the lives of William Shakespeare and Queen Elizabeth [of England] and how they correspond with each other," said senior theatre major Jacob Justice, who plays the master secretary.

Like many of you, I had less than wonderful experiences reading "Hamlet" and "Romeo and Juliet" in high school and I was skeptical when I heard this play was about Shakespeare.

This past week, though, I had the opportunity to attend a dress rehearsal and was pleasantly surprised.

The play involves Shakespeare but was not written by him, so don't let your possible past difficulties with Shakespeare turn you away.

"They have taken a Shakespeare Elizabethan-style play and have written it in more modern terms," Justice said. They "take a look at what life could have been like at the time. It's a comedy of errors."

I quickly realized this production was reality television, Elizabethan-style.

Addictions studies major Rob Robinson plays a quirky character that could easily be compared to a male version of Jessica Simpson while his wife questions Shakespeare as to his loyalty and an old employee calls Shakespeare everything from "Lackspear" to "Shakebags."

The play has some good comeback lines such as Shakespeare's "You've done more mounting than a royal cavalry," which would likely dumbfound the person it was directed at if used today.

The cast had good chemistry both on and off-stage, staying in character and cracking jokes throughout their interviews.

The amount of work they put into this production is no laughing matter, though, having worked three hours a day for a little over a month.

Senior theatre major Kent Jude Bernard said "I do a lot of shows over here and so I get to see a lot of people on stage, and we have a really good cast here and a great director."

This week, instead of watching "The Apprentice" and "Real World" reruns while complaining that there is nothing to do, take a look at Shakespeare's life through the eyes of Tim Slover in the schools' production of his play "March Tale."

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Fashionable Focus

Yay! I'm hoping you all survived Valentine's Day—whether you have a significant other or you are as single as I am! I know I certainly had a great one. My night consisted of having cocktails and dinner with some of the girls up here from the *Current Sauce* and watching one of my all-time favorite movies, "Breakfast at Tiffany's."

Throughout the movie, my girlfriends and I "oohed" and "ahhed" over how elegantly stunning and simply breathtaking Audrey Hepburn was—not just in "Tiffany's" but in EVERY movie she ever made.

Audrey had a chic, sassy and classy look about her that I wish I could capture in my own life.

Have you noticed how tailored trench coats and oversized sunglasses have suddenly become popular? Of course you have! They're everywhere!

Well, styles like these are inspired by silver-screen goddesses just like Audrey Hepburn, or my other favorite—Raquel Welch (my namesake, by the way!).

"Classic Chic," as I like to call it, takes the right type of attitude to pull off. It takes a lot of self-confidence, a lot of self-control and a lot of hair spray.

As my friends are sitting here next to me, I hear them discussing how to pull this look off swimmingly: you must feel like you are the movie star. No, you must BE the movie star.

Think simplicity. Think elegance. Think sophistication.

True simplicity, elegance and sophistication come from within. It doesn't come out of thin air—and it can't be taught.

It seems that in our day and time, true beauty is covered by the blinding reflections of light in all the glitter and glitz of sequins and metallics. Everything nowadays is about going over the top—pushing the limit to see what reactions can come from it.

To get this look, try a completely subdued outfit with one major accessory. The ensemble can be a great print dress with simple earrings and heels or it can be a chic black leotard with black kitten heels and a really great poncho and bag.

Try an outfit that screams "You!" and not "This is what I'm wearing! Look at it!"

To bring out the movie star in you, walk tall and think beautiful thoughts. Then put on those oversized Chanel shades and enjoy being elegant and sophisticated—for life.

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There was a young man from Nantucket



By Raymond Billy Jr
Opinions Editor

Apparently Generation Y is less permissive than I thought.

A recent survey conducted by the American Association of University Women finds that 53 percent of all college students have been subject to sexual jokes, gestures or looks. Seventy percent of women and 40 percent of men said they "would be somewhat or very upset" to be on the receiving end of such incidents.

The only surprise here is the high percentage of men who claimed lewd humor rubs them wrong way. How obscene would a sexual joke or gesture have to be to offend the average guy? I may be incorrect in assuming that Bob Jones University did not participate in this survey, but, I doubt it.

Of course, these days the assumption that men are barbarians and women are prim and proper would seem to be a stretch as well, since the culture is constantly telling women that sexuality is their greatest asset, not their minds or their talents; unless you consider sex appeal a talent.

Aside from that, the fact that so many people feel they have been violated by their fellow man indicates yet another level of the culture war that is brewing in America. No, not the culture war that Bill O'Reilly likes to talk about. This war has nothing to do with abstinence education, opposition to gay marriage, or the abortion controversy. I am talking about the war against common decency, dignity and respect.

A few months ago, a friend of mine complained that she had been embarrassed by a suggestive statement made by a customer at a local restaurant where she waitresses. She said she told the man off and walked away puzzled as to why the jerk thought that it would be appropriate to make such a comment.

I told her that the harasser was probably surprised by her reaction. It likely never would have occurred to him that a woman would actually be offended by what, in his mind, was probably nothing more than a playful remark, not that such knowledge would have deterred him.

The numbers support my assumption. The AAUW survey also found that 51 percent of men and 31 percent of women had harassed someone. Of that group, 59 percent said they did so because they thought it would be funny.

The odd thing about these numbers is that this is a generation that prides itself on tolerance. But, while people are tolerant of others of different racial backgrounds and sexual orientations, they are not very tolerant or considerate of people with different sensibilities.

I'm always amazed by the topics people are willing to discuss outside the privacy of their homes. There are people who will sit in public places, with complete strangers in earshot, and talk about a range of sexual topics without a second thought to the fact that others may not want to hear their conversation.

Okay, so Mom always warned against talking about politics or religion at the dinner table; she never mentioned anything about sex. However, my guess is that many of the same people who would brand you a prude for not wanting to hear sexually charged conversations are the same people who would scurry like roaches from a well-lit kitchen if you dared to talk about your political or religious beliefs in their company.

Upon reading this column, I'm sure that many will say 'It's just sex. It's a part of life; deal with it." But, this type of reaction only proves my point. People seem to believe that if something doesn't bother them, it's okay. If it brothers someone else, that's the offended party's problem.

I believe that we should all care if people are adversely affected by our actions, even if we meant no harm.

The AAUW survey found that more than 50 percent of women and 33 percent of men say they felt self-conscious or embarrassed as a result of what many would see as harmless humor. Also, 35 percent of the women and 16 percent of the men said the experiences shook their self-confidence.

If people want to sit around telling risqué jokes, I really couldn't care less, to be honest. I just have two small requests: first, don't direct your sexual humors toward someone unless you know for certain that they will find it funny. Second, if you are in a public setting –particularly a dinning area- understand that some people may not want to hear about your drunken orgy.

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Brother Aaron has a word to share



By Aaron Pizani
Sauce columnist

Consider this an open letter to evangelical Christians.

I know what you're thinking already. No, this is not a bitter article about how you're wrong or how you're crazy. I love you guys, really I do. I want to help you guys out with spreading your faith.

I'm not a Christian, so consider this constructive criticism.

The best way to spread "The Word" is to stop. Trust me on this. Stop going out, approaching random people and throwing Christian jargon at them. It just doesn't work. In fact, the entire concept of "witnessing" to others, as you know it, is completely ineffective and just downright annoying.

Also, telling people that they are going to hell isn't effective either. It's called "The Good News" for a reason. Unless you're mildly sadistic, burning in a fire that never quite consumes your soul completely, but just enough to cause pain for eternity, isn't exactly good news.

A lot of people won't like this one. Stop altar calls. Think about it: you are in the church, everyone is emotional, and the music is helping it along. The preacher has just reminded you that you are a desperate human being whose life is in shambles and your soul is lost.

You're completely unworthy of any grace from God, but there's one way to get out: Jesus. Of course in this emotional atmosphere you are going to march right up to the altar and submit yourself to God. Then you go home and go to sleep. You wake up the next morning, the music isn't playing anymore, maybe you still had a bad day or maybe things didn't miraculously turn around in your favor. The faith was dead in the water because God didn't live up to his advertising.

Maybe I'm exaggerating when I say that this happens overnight, but it does happen. It happens over the course of a week, a year or a few years.

Yes, the Christian ranks in America are growing. Yes, thousands of people all over the country are flocking to revivals and churches and are getting "saved" in masses. Don't give all those points to Jesus, yet, though. I have a prediction that Christians should pay close attention to.

I predict that in a decade, or maybe two, the Christian church in America will collapse on itself. All the people who took those altar calls and got saved in a moment are going to drop out. That's what happens when you try to mass-produce salvation.

Over time, when the music isn't playing, the emotion isn't high, and the preacher isn't there with his powerful rhetoric, people get disillusioned and search for something else to give them that spiritual high.

So, just for some fun, let's pretend that I'm a Christian. "How would you do it, Pizani?" Well I'll tell you, thanks for asking.

First, I would just be Christian. That's all. I'd live my life by my values and my faith. I'd cultivate that faith and that very personal relationship with God. I'd realize that, even though I am a Christian, I'm still subject to how the world works. I'd realize that I'll have a bad day and a good day but still be a Christian on both days. My prayers would be an active conversation with God, not like I'm writing him a memo or a letter to Santa Claus: "Dear God, this, dear God, that."

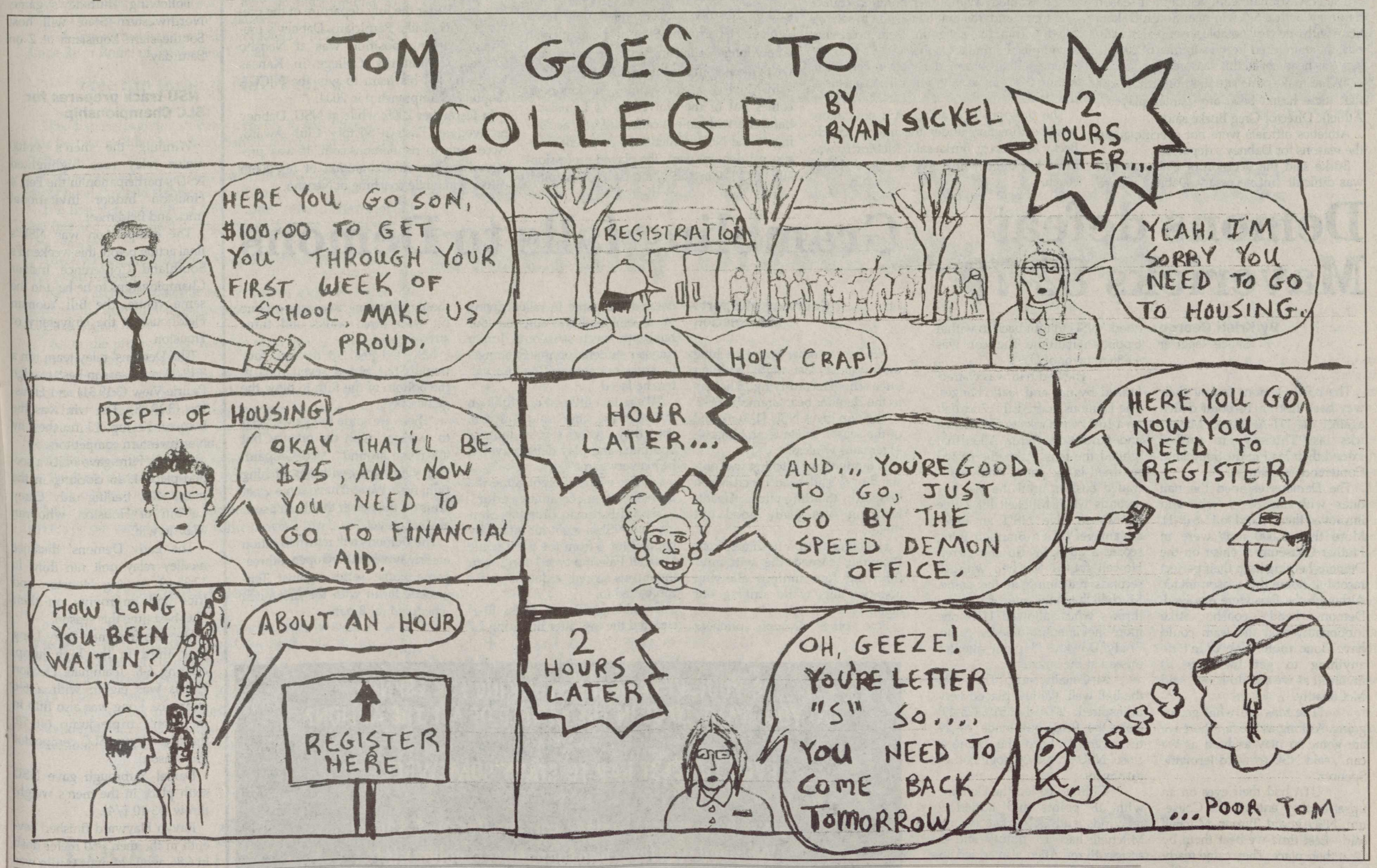
I'd also question my faith constantly. I would research and gain as much information as I can about other faiths and religions. If I'm going to believe in something, I want to know what I don't believe and I want to know why.

Did you notice something about what all I just said? My way of spreading the "Good News" isn't about other people. It's about me. Once I'm strong and knowledgeable in my faith, the natural byproduct is that I've become a peaceful, happy and satisfied person. Then people would wonder what I have that makes me so different, and I would tell them.

However, I'm not even a Christian. What do I know? I seem to be going against my own interest in helping you spread your faith when I disagree with it. It just pains me to see so many people with such good intentions spread their ideas so ineffectively.

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Softball season in gear

Lady Demons defeat LA Tech, 11-1; set to face Baylor on Sunday

Courtesy of Sports Information

NSU's Amanda Glenn tossed a 2-hit complete game as the Demons defeated Louisiana Tech 11-1 in six inning in college softball action.

Glenn (2-1) threw six innings allowing one run on just two hits while striking out eight, as the game was called with one out in the sixth inning after the Demons crossed four runs to apply the mercy rule.

"Our bats started a little slow tonight," said head coach Becky McMurty, "but they came on strong later. I was really pleased with the efforts and how we continued to build on our momentum without letting up throughout the game."

The win improves the Demons to 3-2 on the season while Louisiana Tech falls to 2-5.

NSU totaled nine hits with Kristen Lindley and Kelly Corliss each collecting two hits. Corliss added a double and a run batted in while Margaret Patterson finished the night 1 for 3 with a double and three RBI.

The Demons scored a run in each the first and second innings to take a 2-0 lead. Tech added its only run in the top of the third to cut the lead to 2-1 but NSU answered with a three-run third sparked by back-to-back hits by Lindley and Corliss and fueld by four Louisiana Tech errors.

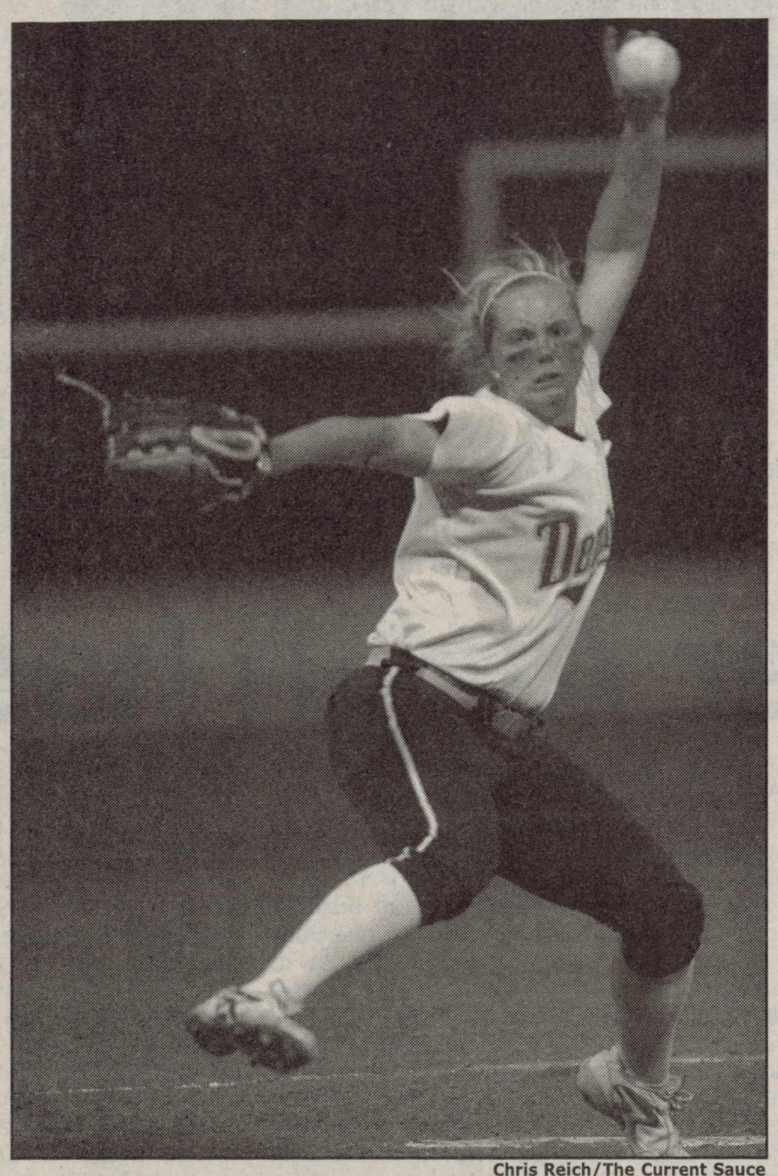
NSU added two more runs in the fifth on an RBI single by Sarina Noack and a run-scoring grounder by Lyndsey Gorski to put the Demons up 7-1.

In the Demon sixth, Corliss led-off the inning with a double and advanced to third on a single up the middle by Michelle Castellano. After Jamiee Stinson reached first with one out by being hit by a pitch to load the bases, Amanda Perdue walked to score Corliss and make it 8-1 in favor of the Demons.

Patterson followed with a base-clearing, game-winning double to complete the scoring.

The Demons will return to action on Friday when they take part in the Marriot Houston Hobby Tournament where they'll play Samford at 9 a.m. followed by a 1 o'clock game against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

Saturday's schedule begins with a 3 p.m. contest against Sam Houston State followed by a 7 p.m. game against the host team, Houston. The Demons will wrap up the tournament with an 11 a.m. game against Baylor on Sunday.



Chris Reich/The Current Sauce
Lady Demons pitcher Amanda Glenn tossed a two-hit complete game yesterday against Louisiana Tech. Demons won 11-1, and will play against Baylor on Sunday.

Lady Demons Softball

Dates and times of remaining home games

- **Mar. 6** - ULL, 5 p.m.
- **Mar. 6** - ULL, 7 p.m.
- **Mar. 11** - Texas San-Antonio, 3 p.m.
- **Mar. 11** - Texas San-Antonio, 1 p.m.
- **Mar. 12** - Texas San-Antonio, 1 p.m.
- **Mar. 18** - Texas-Arlington, 1 p.m.
- **Mar. 18** - Texas-Arlington, 3 p.m.
- **Mar. 19** - Texas-Arlington, 1 p.m.
- **Apr. 5** - Centenary, 6 p.m.
- **Apr. 14** - McNeese State, 4 p.m.
- **Apr. 14** - McNeese State, 6 p.m.
- **Apr. 15** - McNeese State, 12 p.m.
- **Apr. 18** - Southern, 4 p.m.
- **Apr. 22** - Southestern La., 4 p.m.
- **Apr. 22** - Southeastern La., 6 p.m.
- **Apr. 23** - Southeastern La., 1 p.m.
- **Apr. 24** - Northern Colorado, 9:30 a.m.
- **Apr. 24** - Northern Colorado, 11:30 a.m.

Source: www.nsudemons.com

Lady Demons receive new coach pre-season

By David Dinsmore
Sauce Reporter

The NSU softball team began their season Saturday with a 6-0 win over South Dakota State with one very notable absence: Jeff Dabney, the man hired in the summer of 2005 to serve as head coach this season.

"What makes this situation unorthodox is that there hasn't been any games played," Athletic Director Greg Burke said.

Athletics officials were not specific about the reasons for Dabney's departure.

Burke said the decision of Dabney's exit was difficult, but necessary. Dabney reportedly departed in mid-January, but his tenure will officially end Feb. 28.

Throughout fall 2005, Burke said the environment of the program was not as positive as he wanted. Without elaboration, Burke said that standards that he wished to see fulfilled within the program were not being accomplished under Dabney.

One softball player declined to comment, stating that this was the general consensus of the team.

The program is heading in a new, more positive direction under the interim coach, Becky McMurtry, Burke said. McMurtry was hired by Dabney to serve as his assistant coach.

"You're going to hear a lot of rumors when things like this happen," Doug Ireland, executive director of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, said "There's not going to be anything said by the university administration, or the Athletic Department. Simply, the gentleman is no longer coaching our program, and we're moving in a positive direction."

McMurtry, a three-time All-American comes out of the University of Louisiana-Lafayette with an education degree, according to the NSU Athletics Department website, nsudemons.com. She played professionally in 2004 in the National Pro Fastpitch League for the Akron Racers. McMurtry came to NSU after coaching at Lafayette High School during the 2004-2005 season.

According to nsudemons.com, Dabney was hired after the July departure of the previous coach, Mike Perniciaro. Dabney's previous coaching position was at Neosho County Community College in Kansas where he led his team to win the NJCCA Region 6 championship in 2004.

In December 2005, while at NSU, Dabney received an Eastern Victory Club Award. According to nsudemons.com, it was presented to him in recognition of his 200th career win while coaching at Neosho.

Demons defeat Mavericks 82-79

By Kristi George
Sauce Reporter

The NSU Demons fought their way back from a 14 point deficit against the UT-Arlington Mavericks last Thursday to further extend their lead in the Southland Conference standings.

The Demons escaped the nail biter with an 82-79 win and improved their record to 16-6 (9-1). More than 2,000 fans were in Prather Coliseum to cheer on the Demons helping keep their perfect record at home this season intact. Although the fans were involved, Demon head coach Mike McConathy said the team could have done more. "We didn't do anything to get the fans as involved as we should have", said McConathy.

"The fans are what get us going. As long as the fans here we are going to play as hard as we can.", said NSU forward Jermaine Spencer.

UTA had their eyes on an upset as they entered the Coliseum. NSU guard Tyronn Mitchell said, "Last time we beat them by 12 at their place. They came ready to play."

NSU fell into a 10 point deficit early in the game and the Mavericks lead was extended to 14 points on a dunk by Steven Thomas. McConathy said, "In spots we played very well. Our concentration level on defense from the 17 min mark to the 7 min mark in the 1st half was not very good." NSU fought back to within 6 points at halftime. The score was 43-36 in favor of UTA.

The 2nd half was characterized by ties and lead changes. The Demons started the 2nd half on a 16-2 run thanks to Clifton Lee and a dunk by Byron Allen that ignited the fans. After the crowd returned in the game, both teams traded baskets until the last few seconds when Mitchell hit 2 free throws to give NSU an 81-77 advantage. UTA's Brandon Long scored a quick lay-up and Jarrett Howell fouled Mitchell with 10 seconds remaining in the game. Mitchell hit only one of his free throws which allowed UTA one more shot attempt to tie the game. Brady Dawkins 3 point attempt missed at the buzzer.

McConathy said, "They shot the ball well. We just played very uninspired." UTA shot 51% (25-49) from the field, but made costly turnovers to keep the Demons close. NSU scored 29 points off of turnovers.

Clifton Lee led the Demons with 18 points and added 9 rebounds and 3 blocks. Tyronn Mitchell had 13 points and 5 assists. Byron Allen also added 13 points and 8 rebounds.

The Demons are at the top of the Southland Conference standings. McConathy said, "We need to keep winning to continue creating space between us and the rest of the league."

The Demons are back in action tonight against 8-14 (4-7) Nicholls State in Thibodaux.

Grambling falls to Demons

Courtesy of Sports Information

NSU got another grand pitching performance last night, striking out a school record-tying 15 batters as the Demons beat Grambling 9-2.

The win gives NSU (1-3) its first of the season while Grambling (0-4) remains winless.

"I thought our pitching was outstanding," said head coach Mitch Gaspard. "(Starting pitcher Heath) Henning was really good out there."

Hennigan (1-0), a freshman from Pineville, earned the win after throwing four innings allowing just two hits while striking out eight.

Five other Demon pitchers entered the game in relief, giving up a combined two runs on four hits with seven strikeouts. Junior transfer student Johnnie Santangelo struck out three of the four batters he faced.

"We're in a little bit of a funk on the offensive side," said Gaspard, "but they always say 'as long as you pitch and play defense, you'll be in every game'."

For the second straight game, the Demons did not commit an error.

Second baseman Brandon Morgan led NSU's eight-hit attack by going 3 for 4 from the plate while Michael Palermo was 1 for 2 with three runs scored, a double and a run batted in.

Grambling's Byron Banks (0-1) suffered the loss after throwing 2.2 innings allowing two runs on one hit with three walks and three strikeouts.

NSU led just 2-0 through four innings but plated seven runs in the bottom of the fifth to blow the game open.

"There are some things we need to work on with the offense, but it'll come around," said Gaspard. "I'm very happy with our pitching right now. We still have some great arms on the bench that hasn't seen any action yet."

The Demons will return to action on Friday when they open a three-game home series against Tennessee-Martin with the first pitch scheduled for 3 p.m.

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This Just In

Courtesy Sports Information Bureau

Lady Demons face Lady Colonels Tonight

The Lady Demon basketball team returns home tonight with a chance to put an end to one streak while setting a milestone in the process when they take on Nicholls State at 6:30 in Southland Conference action.

The Lady Demons (10-11, 3-7 in the SLC) hope to be at the end of a six-game losing streak, the team's longest slide since the 1979-80 season.

"We've had some really good practices preparing for Nicholls State," said head coach Jennifer Graf. "We just need to make sure we get out of the gate fast and not drop our heads when we miss a shot. That's been the biggest problems lately."

A win would notch NSU's 600th all-time victory in the team's 32-year history, making it just the 37th team in NCAA history to record such a feat.

"That would be really special," said Graf. "We play four of our last six at home, so who knows what will happen in those games."

Nicholls State, however, will put up a tough challenge for the Lady Demons.

"They have some very good athletes," said Graf. "The score won't get out of hand either way. It'll probably come down to the wire."

The Lady Colonels (4-18, 3-8), who trail the Lady Demons by just a half-game in the league standings for the eighth and final spot in the postseason tournament, is coming off the shocker of the season when they defeated then-first place Stephen F. Austin, 68-67 last Saturday.

Following Thursday's game, Northwestern State will host Southeastern Louisiana at 2 on Saturday.

NSU track prepares for SLC Championship

Winning the men's 4x400 meter relay race highlighted NSU's participation in the Feb. 4 Houston Indoor Invitational track and field meet.

The competition was NSU's final action before this weekend's Southland Conference Indoor Championships to be held in the same venue, the Bill Yeoman Fieldhouse at the University of Houston.

The Demons' relay team ran a 3:19.00, not a season-best, to edge Prairie View (3:19.31) and Houston (3:19.88). The win was the best of 12 top 10 finishes by Northwestern competitors.

Marcus Pitre gave NSU a second-place 48.46 clocking in the men's 400, trailing only Carey LaCour of Houston, who ran 47.57 to win.

The Lady Demons' distance medley relay unit ran third in 12:38.63, trailing Houston and Rice and improving on their SLC-best time this season.

Demons freshman Terry Long took third in the high jump, clearing 6-8. Teammate Derrion Harris was eighth with a 6-6 clearance. Long was also fifth in the men's triple jump (46-10, third best by an SLC competitor this season).

Daniel Yarbrough gave NSU sixth place in the men's weight throw (53-10 1/4).

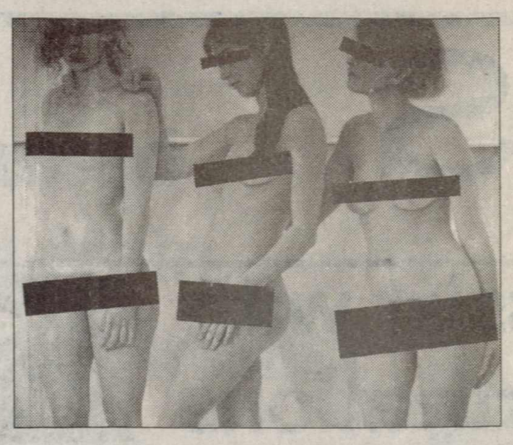
Ravyn Hayward finished seventh in the men's 60 meter dash in 6.86, while Marcus Gatlin was eighth in the 200 (22.13, the sixth-fastest time in the SLC this year).

Cassandra Krell cleared 5-4 1/4 for eighth in the women's high jump. Tameshia Miller was ninth in the women's 60 meter hurdles in 8.65. Shanae Steward was ninth in the women's triple jump (37-8 1/2, a season best).

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Could faculty art exhibit raise eyebrows among the public?

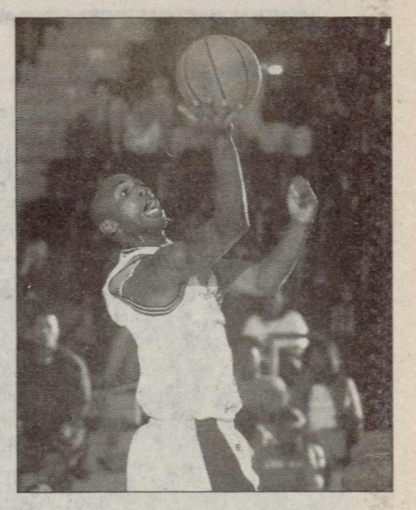
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Two-time champs?

Men's basketball team could claim Southland Conference Championship for the second time

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Campus Connections

The Current Sauce welcomes submissions for **Campus Connections**, a free service to organizations planning events that will be open to NSU students.

Bring **Connections** to **Kyser 225G**, or e-mail them to **thecurrentsauce@gmail.com**. Please include a name and telephone number. We reserve the right to refuse any **Connection**.

Upcoming in SGA

Filing for spring elections will be from March 7 through March 17. Anyone running for Student Government Association or Student Activities Board positions can file in room 214 of the Friedman Student Union during these dates.

SGA senator at large positions are still available. Interested students can pick up applications in Room 222 of the Student Union.

The SGA will host a campus walk on March 9 at 6p.m. Senators will be walking in front of the Student Union, Iberville Dining Hall and other places.

The next SGA Ballroom meeting will be on March 13 at 7p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

The Liberty vs. Security Debate on the Patriot Act will be on March 15 at 7p.m. in the A.A. Frederick's center for Creative and Performing Arts. Questions may be presubmitted to Aaron Pitre apitre001@student.nsula.edu.

SGA general meetings are held on Mondays at 7p.m. in the Cane River Room of the Student Union.

Free trip through NSU Express

NSU Express is giving students a chance to win a free vacation for two, to either New York, San Francisco, Cancun or the Bahamas.

Each vacation package offers free round-trip airfare, a four-night hotel stay and sightseeing for two.

The first step is to attend NSU Express events. The events are free and will be held during one week out of each month this semester.

There will be a registration table at each event where students can register.

Yonna Pasch, assistant director of student activities, is hoping that the free trip will encourage students attend the NSU Express events.

"All of the programs are free, the main goal is to get students involved," Pasch said.

Jeffery Mathews, director of student activities and organizations, wants students to enjoy their time here at NSU.

"There is a myth that nothing goes on in Natchitoches, but there is plenty happening on our campus, Just come to the Student Union," Mathews said.

Students pay fees for these types of incentives.

"Students need to be aware that this is their money, and they should take advantage of it," Mathews said.

NSU sophomore Brittney Dixon said, "I enjoy attending events on our campus, so the chance to win a trip is an added bonus."

Jamie Broussard

Operation Photo Rescue

Operation Photo Rescue is an organization whose purpose is to restore photographs damaged during the hurricanes. The organization offers this service for free.

Freelance photographers, photo editors and people proficient in photo restoration are offering their help. To volunteer, send an e-mail to oprvoluntee@gmail.com and to have a photo restored, send an email to operationphotorescue@gmail.com

NSU jazzes it up in the Student Union during Big Easy Week

By Lacie Jackson
Sauce Reporter

The first "Jazzing it Up" was held on Tuesday during Big Easy Week.

Students filled the lobby to hear the sounds of the Dixie Land Jazz Combo.

Steve Wells, the band's lead singer, said, "When I heard that this was a Mardi Gras event, I got all the big guns together and we came on over."

The band featured all the instruments of a traditional New Orleans Jazz band: banjo, clarinet, slide trombone, trumpet, drum set and saxophone.

Students sat at tables and ate red beans and rice while they listened to the band.

Members of the faculty and staff came out to participate as well.

Jeff Mathews, director of Student Activities and Organizations, said, "I've never seen so many members of our faculty in one room."

Participants were asked to bring one Mardi Gras mask supply item, which will be donated to the Cane River Girls Home.

Students and sponsors from campus organizations will be at the Girls Home from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. today to help assist with the Mardi Gras mask service project.

They will help the girls there make masks.



Chris Reich/the Currrent Sauce

Dave Hardin, a member of the Dixie Land Jazz Combo, on trumpet plays Monday afternoon during "Jazzing it up." Department of Journalism secretary Dootsie McNeely and Executive Assistant to the President Robert Crew dance in the background. Crew also cameoed as the drummer for the band during one song.

Next stop on the NSU Express: Diversity University Week

By Brittany Byrd
Sauce Reporter

Diversity University Week will roll in on the NSU Express March 6 through 9. The motto for Diversity University is "Building a Better U- University, Unity and You."

Jeff Mathews, director of student activities and organizations said, "Diversity week is an opportunity to present to the students how diverse our school and the world really are through both educational and recreational events."

Every morning during diversity week, students can stop by the student union between 9a.m. and 11a.m and enjoy free coffee and pastries at an event called the F.Y. I. Coffee Shop. Students will be able to check out diversity information about NSU displayed on maps and posters.

On Monday, there will be a Diversity Expo from 10a.m.and 2p.m. in the lobby of the Student Union. There will be cultural exhibits displayed by diverse groups on campus.

June Chauvin, public relations and advertising officer for the Student Activities Board said, "We hope to get a diverse audience together for our events, and we hope that the events planned will appeal to all of the different groups on campus."

Groups wishing to participate and must register by March 3.

At 7:30p.m.in the Student Union ballroom, the Mayhem Poets, a diverse group of slam poets with a message, will perform.

Tuesday will be full of diversity activities. There will be two educational workshops focusing on ethnicity and women's studies in the Student Union lobby. The times will be announced at a later date.

At 7:30p.m.there will be musical one-woman show called "Ain't I a Woman!" in the A.A. Fredericks Fine Arts Auditorium.

The play will celebrate the life and times of four powerful African American women: Sojourner Truth, Zora Neale Hurston, Clementine Hunter, and Fannie Lou Hamer.

On Wednesday, after enjoying your coffee, you can participate in the Disability Amazing Race & Disability Simulations, which is sponsored by disability services.

From 11a.m. to 1:30p.m.in the Student Union Ballroom, stations will be set up to simulate physical, sensory and learning disability conditions.

At 5:00p.m.in the Student Union Ballroom, Eddie Francis the keynote speaker for the week, will speak about traditionally African-American fraternities and sororities.

After the keynote speaker, students can participate in Diversity Bingo in the ballroom. Light refreshments will be served and students will have the chance to win prizes.

The NSU Baptist Collegiate Ministries is sponsoring an event at 9p.m. in the Student Union Alley. There will be a forum on the "Tenets of Our Faith," and different world religions will share the core beliefs of their faith.

On Thursday, the Louisiana Scholars' College will host a foreign film festival in Morrison Hall. The time will be announced at a later date.

For NSU faculty members, there will be two sessions providing information about providing accommodations to students with disabilities.

David Sweeney of Texas A&M University will speak from 1:30p.m. to 2:30 p.m.and from 2:30p.m. to 3:30p.m. The location will be announced at a later time.

Keynote speaker Roxann Johnson will speak at 3p.m. as part of the journalism department's spring NewsMakers and Shakers Open Forum.

Mary Brocato, assistant journalism professor who coordinates the newsmakers and shakers forums said, "Roxann Johnson is a superb speaker for the newsmakers and shakers forum. Her speck will be one that both faculty and staff can learn from."

The theme of her speech will be eliminating racism and empowering women. The forum will be held in the Ora G. Williams TV Studio Kyser 142.

At 7:30p.m. in the Student Union Alley, there will be a Diversity Trivia Game Show.

"It's going to be the big, fun blowout at the end of the week," Mathews said.

Local Weather Forecast

Today	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.
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Organizational Relief Fund to assist with traveling costs for campus organizations

By David Dinsmore
Sauce Reporter

Organizations planning to hit the road can now find help with expenses from the Organizational Relief Fund, a budget designed to assist with traveling costs of academic or professional organizational trips.

Shantel Wempren, vice president of the Student Government Association and the chairwoman for the Organizational Relief Fund, said, "It is a student self-assessed fee." Wempren said, "Each student pays five dollars each semester."

Wempren said the money goes into a $25,000 fund. Organizations can then submit applications in order to receive help with their travel expenses.

The application itself states the funds are generally to be used by organizations for "transportation, lodging, and registration."

According to the Organizational Relief Fund's legislation, the money will be distributed to "only University Recognized Student Organizations and Organizations sponsored by University Departments."

Organizations can only apply to the Organizational Relief Fund once every academic year.

The organizations are also responsible for raising 30 percent of their own travel funds.

According to the legislation "organizations that receive more than half of their budget from fund-raising shall have highest priority."

In addition, everyone traveling with the organization must pay the Organizational Relief Fund self-assessed fee for that semester.

The only exception is for those requesting money for summer trips, in that all members must have paid the fee during the previous spring.

Applications for summer travel reimbursement should be submitted in the spring preceding the trip.

"We usually try to get applications passed before they go on a trip rather than when they come back," Wempren said, "but there's nothing in the original legislation that says that we can't pass after they come back."

The money not spent during a semester rolls into the next, Wempren said.

She said she does not think there will be much to roll over after this semester.

"We want to fund as many of these trips as we possibly can," Wempren said.

She said the inspiration for the budget came from a program that exists at Louisiana State University.

The Organizational Relief Fund passed its legislation in spring 2005 at NSU.

"After it was passed, it took a little while to get it through the system," Wempren said.

This semester is the first in which the budget is available because this is the first semester in which the fee was assessed.

The legislation also created the Organizational Relief Fund Committee, which is made up of ten members The committee members must meet certain criteria put forth by the SGA.

The SGA vice president serves as Organizational Relief Fund Committee chairperson while the SGA Treasurer serves as the committee vice-chair person.

The committee must also include two of the SGA senators and two students who are not members of any organization that receive student-assessed funds.

These are to be nominated by the chairperson and approved by the Senate.

A Student Activities Board representative, selected by SAB, also serves on the committee, along with two faculty members and an ex-officio member, who does not vote.

At the committee's first meeting, Wempren said they approved four organizations to receive funds: Alpha Sigma Alpha was approved for $767, SGA, $1800, Phi Mu Alpha, $200, and the Trombone Studio, $989.

The committee's next meeting will be March 17 at 11 a.m.

Applications for summer trips should be submitted in time for the last meeting of the semester, which is tentatively scheduled for April 18.

Organizational Relief Fund Committee Members:

- **Shantel Wempren**- Chairwoman of the Organizational Relief Fund
- **Ifrah Jamil**- Vice-Chairwoman of the Organizational Relief Fund
- **Shayne Creppel**- SGA senator
- **Ronnie Cupit** - SGA senator
- **Anna Breaux**- Student not involved in any student-assessed funded organization
- **Bridgett Guin**- Student not involved in any student-assessed funded organization
- **Brandon Tipton**- SAB representative
- **Alexis Aichinger**- Faculty member
- **Darrell Fry**- Faculty member
- **Yonna Pasch**- Ex-officio member

NSU Police Blotter

2/16/06

1:53 p.m.
A female student at the University Columns called to report a man who refused to leave her apartment. The man was gone when the police arrived.

2:17 p.m.
The police returned to the Columns to escort the man off campus and told him to never return to campus.

2/17/06

2:21 a.m.
A Sabine Hall resident called to say her boyfriend was involved in a theft in progress. Police arrived and told the man to leave campus.

12:19 p.m.
Two boys from the ninth grade center were reported to have run away. The boys were seen behind the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts. The University Bookstore also reported the two boys "running fast" in the area.

12:59 p.m.
The two boys were caught and taken back to the ninth grade center. However, they are on probation and were sent to the Natchitoches Police Department.

2/18/06

4:15 p.m.
An employee of Century Campus Housing Management called to say that another worker refused to return a DIRECTV® Box.

2/19/06

7:08 p.m.
The electricity was reported out at the University Columns and University Place. Power was restored but went out again. There were two reports of people screaming when the electricity went out, but police observations confirmed that no one was in trouble.

8:48 p.m.
Power is finally restored.

2/20/06

9:40 a.m.
Brown's Security called the University Police Department to report that the People's State Bank ATM was in distress. However, an officer was already at the ATM with bank employees who were working on the machine.

2/21/06

1:59 a.m.
A student was reported to have fallen in his car with his music playing too loudly. The student told police he was waiting on a friend when he fell asleep.

2/22/06

11:27 a.m.
A complaint was made from the University Columns about a suspicious person. Police told the person not to come back or the person will be arrested.

David Dinsmore

New theology course to be offered at Holy Cross Church

By Willie Valrie
Sauce Reporter

James Sawyer, assistant campus minister of Holy Cross Catholic Church, will be offering a new theology class.

The class is offered as part of a four-year curriculum. It covers basic teachings of the Catholic faith including the trinity, the creation, the fall of man and original sin.

"The whole aim is to give students a better background on our faith and speak the truth about faith and other faiths that broke away from our church," Sawyer said.

Sawyer said that towards the end, the class focuses more on salvation and the history of God making himself known to man.

"It's all about redemption, and it's a great adventure in this life coming to know God better," Sawyer said.

One of the aspects of the Catholic faith that will be mentioned in the course is the Holy Eucharist, which is what Catholics call the offering of Christ giving his own body back to the Father.

"This goes on in every Catholic church," Sawyer said.

"It's intended to inform students well in their faith and help them to lead a more Christian life," he said.

The class will be offered Sundays at 6:15 p.m. after the last mass.

For more information on the class, contact James Sawyer at 318-332-0156 or the main office of Holy Cross Catholic Church at 318-352-2615.

High school seniors take a peek at nursing program

By Leigh Gentry
Sauce Reporter

The NSU College of Nursing Education Center in Shreveport held a College Night program on Feb. 16 to give high school seniors information about the nursing and radiological technology programs offered at NSU.

Students from Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine and Webster parishes were invited to see the presentations.

Speakers included Laura Aaron, director radiological technology carter and Shirley Cashio, the Director of Undergraduate Students Shirley Cashio, who talked about the college's nursing program.

Brenda Webb brought greetings from NSU President Randall Webb.

April Jordan, assistant director of high school relations, spoke about admissions standards.

The student government officers showed the high school students around the NSU-Shreveport campus and allowed time for one-on-one conversations and questions.

Debbie Moore, the director of student services, said, "We had a really good time, and about 18 people attended, students and family included."

Those who would like more information can contact Moore at the Shreveport Nursing Campus.

Tiefenwerth certified as Criminal Justice Addictions Professional

By Katie Lopez
News Editor

Assistant professor of criminal justice Thomas J. Tiefenwerth is the first person at NSU and in the state of Louisiana to receive a certification as a Criminal Justice Addictions Professional.

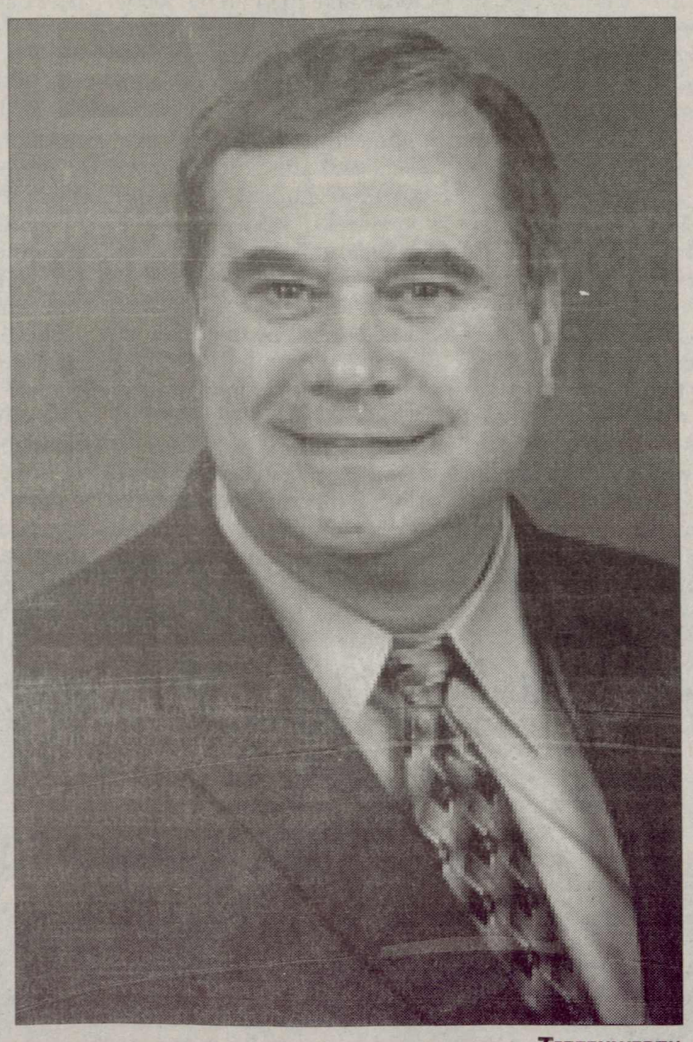
Joe Morris, criminal justice program coordinator, said "I think it's a great honor, and it will enhance our program here at NSU."

Tiefenwerth said this is a new and voluntary credential, but he expects it to become generally accepted.

Twenty-two states have adopted this certification so people who work with drug abusers are able to get certified as a Criminal Justice Addictions Professional.

Tiefenwerth is a retired psychologist and psychotherapist with more than twenty years experience of clinical-forensic mental health from the Texas Prison System.

Tiefenwerth was also elected to the State Board of the Louisiana Substance Abuse Counselors and Trainers and made Vice Chairman of LASACT's Credentialing Committee.



TIEFENWERTH

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Natchitoches named Great American Main Street Award semifinalist

By Lane Luckie
Sauce Reporter

Natchitoches is among 11 Main Street communities in the nation to be named a semifinalist in the Great American Main Street Award Program.

The award program, sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, recognizes five communities annually for work in maintaining and revitalizing America's historic and traditional commercial districts.

Semifinalists in the 2006 Great American Main Street Awards Program include: Charles City, Iowa; Columbus, Miss; El Reno, Okla.; Jacksonville, Ill.; Lynchburg, Va.; Natchitoches, La.; Parsons, Kan.; Roslindale, Mass.; Valdosta, Ga.; and Waverly, Iowa.

Doug Loescher, executive director of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, said the work each community has accomplished is a gradual process, building on past efforts.

"The communities that have made it to the semi-final stage for the Great American Main Street Award have all worked very hard to bring about profound, positive transformation," Loescher said.

"They are true inspirations to communities throughout the country," he said.

Applicants for the award submitted letters of support from local, state and federal officials; photographs of the cityscape; and a narrative of the history of Main Street developments.

Communities will be judged on how commercial districts have evolved since being named a Main Street community.

Judges will analyze data on economic development, property value, visitor numbers, and tourism promotion.

Award winners will be announced at the National Main Streets Conference in New Orleans on June 5.

The winners will receive $2500 to be used in Main Street programs.

Courtney Hornsby, Natchitoches Main Street manager, said the award carries great significance.

Winning the designation could give Natchitoches national exposure in the tourism industry.

"Being named as one of the Great American Main Streets be an excellent selling tool for our community," Hornsby said.

"It helps us to become more competitive for grant money on a state and federal level," she said.

Hornsby said the prize money could greatly benefit Natchitoches' present marketing needs.

"We've been focusing on getting the word out to different target groups about all that we have to offer in downtown Natchitoches," Hornsby said.

"We might look at doing some television commercials and magazine ads," she said.

Natchitoches was first named a Main Street Community in 1992.

In 2005, the city was named a Distinctive Destination by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.



Chris Reich/the Current Sauce
Natchitoches' 'MainStreet' on display for preserving its historical district. Natchitoches is among 11 communities to be nominated for the Great American Main Street Award Program.

NSU to present Roxann Johnson's 'Race Matters, and Women Matter, Too'

By Jamie Broussard
Sauce Reporter

Ending racism and empowering women will be the focus of a speech given by a community leader at the annual News Makers and Shakers Open Forum during Diversity University Week.

Roxann Pedesclaux Johnson, CEO of the northwest Louisiana Young Women's Christian Association, will give a speech titled "Race Matters, and Women Matter Too," on March 9 at 3 p.m. in the Ora G. Williams TV Studio, Kyser 142.

Mary Brocato, coordinator of the News Makers and Shakers program said, "Both the Shreveport and Bossier police department call on Roxann Johnson whenever there is a sensitive racial matter."

Jessica Vercher, a junior hospitality management and tourism major, said "The voice of a strong woman like Johnson can give courage to female students."

Johnson speaks all across America about ending racism and advocating women's rights.

The forum is open to all students, faculty, staff and the community. It will be beneficial in raising awareness about racial and sexual inequality in society.

Brocato said, "The forum will give ideas about the subtle components that can end racism."

Johnson was born in New Orleans and grew up in Minnesota. She has lived in London, Germany and Spain. She currently resides in Shreveport.

She has received numerous awards and honors for her outstanding service and dedication to the community.

She was the first President of the Shreveport Human Relations Commission, and was named Shreveport Woman of the Year.

The YWCA is the oldest and largest multicultural women's organization in the world. Johnson's experience with the organization has made her a strong figure and a powerful activist for sexual equality and racial justice.



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NSU Health Services offers students meningitis information and vaccinations

By Raymond Billy
Opinions Editor

The deaths of two Acadia Parish residents serve as deadly reminders of how severe meningitis can be.

One of the victims was a University of Louisiana at Lafayette student, and the other was 19-year-old Cameron Mathew Andrus, who attended ULL last semester and had been working as a camera operator for Lafayette television station KLFY.

Seven cases of meningitis or related illnesses have been identified in Acadia in the last month, and five of them involved current or former ULL students.

Since the outbreak began, ULL has started a vaccination campaign, giving free vaccinations to students ages 23 or younger. Approximately 4800 students have been vaccinated since the campaign began.

ULL student Elise Gautreau said the outbreak has been an eye-opening experience for many students who would never have worried about meningitis otherwise.

"I think a majority didn't realize that this is something that could happen to them. But I think people are more aware of it now, that it's something that can spread quickly, and you don't realize you have it until you are very sick," Gautreau said.

Stephanie Campbell, NSU health services director, said meningitis is a rare disease that comes in two types: viral and bacterial.

Viral meningitis is less harmful, Campbell said. Like other viruses, it causes feelings of nausea, headaches or fever. Once the virus leaves the body, the victim is able function normally.

Bacterial meningitis is more severe. One out of every 10 people who contract it eventually die from it, Campbell said.

Meningitis is an infection of the spinal column. Symptoms include stiffness of the neck, headaches, nausea, vomiting and vision changes, Campbell said.

Meningitis generally spreads through droplet nuclei, which are tiny drops of saliva, she said.

When someone sneezes or coughs, the fluid comes out of the mouth and nose and lands in the surrounding areas. People who touch contaminated objects can become infected through hand-to-mouth contact or eating without washing their hands.

Meningitis is also spread through close contact, such as kissing. Sharing a glass, cigarettes or anything that makes contact with the mouth is also a source of the virus, Campbell said.

Situations that place people in close quarters are the most common settings where meningitis can be contracted.

Campbell said dormitories and bars are examples of places where people are at greater risk of becoming infected.

Five different types of bacteria cause bacterial meningitis. She said the vaccine offered on campus will protect against four of them, but it takes 10 to 14 days to build immunity. The fifth type of meningitis cannot be protected against, but it is rare.

Campbell said NSU takes many measures to inform people about the risk of meningitis. She said NSU sends letters to all incoming freshman and their parents to let them know about vaccine clinics and when they will be held.

She said even though getting a meningitis shot is not required to attend NSU, the virus is mentioned on the immunization form, which catches the attention of students and parents.

"Someone will call and say, 'It's on here (the form). Do I have to have it and what is it?' That give us an opportunity to tell them about it," she said.

Campbell said the university tries to educate students about meningitis during Freshman Connection, a summer event designed to prepare students for their first year of college. The school also makes brochures available in residents halls and in the lobby of the Infirmary.

In spite of the university's effort, a significant number of students do not understand the severity of meningitis, Campbell said.

"There probably still are students that don't know. There is so much information out there when you're coming to college. We bombard you with information about activities and organizations and financial aid and student services and housing options and meals and sports and clubs and all these things," Campbell said. "We all tend to pay the most attention to what we're interested in, and obviously vaccinations is not high on the list of priorities."

Campbell said another reason students do not get vaccinated is the cost involved. Anti-meningitis vaccines often range from $80-130, and many students assume that it is not worth the cost, believing it is unlikely they will be infected.

Campbell said the school tries to make the vaccine more affordable by having an organization called Maxim Health administer the drug on campus. A company that manufactures the vaccine owns Maxim.

Campbell said having Maxim provide the vaccine is the cheapest way the school can deliver the drug to students.

Campbell said she expects the American College Health Association – an organization that advises universities on how to deal with health risks - will recommend making the meningitis vaccination a requirement for admission to universities nationwide.

Campbell said the change will not come because of an increased threat of meningitis, but because "meningitis is very rare; however, even one death is not okay if it's a preventable decease," she said.

Professor shared poetry with NSU students and community

By Kera Simon
Sauce Reporter

Nate Pritts, visiting assistant professor of language and communication, shared his poetry with fellow writers and students on Saturday as the feature reader for Creative Readers and Writers.

Pritts' book, called "Winter Constellations," is more than the title foretells.

Pritts said the poetry was written mostly in his NSU office between December 2004 and January 2005, but that is not the reason for the title. It was a collage of different ideas.

"I felt like I was working from a constellation of inspiration," Pritts said.

"Winter Constellations" is considered a chapbook. It is shorter than a full-length book and is printed in smaller quantities than regular books. This chapbook is actually one long poem, organized into three main parts and two interludes. Pritts said this form of structure helped his writing process.

"I write poems, but I thought of this as a project. I knew I was going to begin and end it. I worked on its integrity as a whole," Pritts said.

This project was presented to an audience on a cold night at the Tin House Barbeque. He read an excerpt from the chapbook and shared some of his new poems including "This Tremendousness I Can't Talk About," "I'm Writing a Poem for Rhonda," and "I is Jim McCrery and He is Me."

Citizens from the community and some NSU students attended the reading.

Angela Cox, senior English major, said she bought a copy of "Winter Constellations" because she is one of Pritts' students and enjoyed the excerpt he read.

"He's very engaging and very interesting as a professor. He read a section which made me what to read the whole thing," Cox said.

Another student of Pritts, Emily Perkins, sophomore art major, wanted to support one of her favorite teachers. She bought the chapbook because she really enjoyed his poetry.

Pritts read for Creative Readers and Writers, a loose group of local writers and songwriters of all ages. The readings are free and open to anyone who wants to participate.

"All you have to do is come and sign up. Anyone can come and read," Marcy Frantom, facilitator of the reading series, said.

Frantom said she wants to gain more participants in the group because everyone gains from it.

"We want to encourage people who are not authors to share, too. We all benefit from it. It's a very good thing for writers. They get a chance for feedback from the audience," Frantom said.

CRAW members meet every other Saturday at 7 p.m. to share their work, which consists of reading and music series.

Their next gathering is March 4. It is completely open mic for whoever wishes to participate.

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Reliving the aftermath

NSU students remember what life was like during two of the worst storms in Louisiana History

By Elaine Broussard
Sauce Reporter

Nearly six months have passed since the first of two swirling masses of wind and water brought destruction to the Gulf Coast.

Storm damage in the Natchitoches area was minor, but for NSU students with friends and family from the badly-affected areas, the hurricanes were a life-changing ordeal.

Many students housed loved ones in cramped quarters for weeks. Some cell phones and bank accounts ceased to operate. Some students, transfixed by television news, could not bring themselves to attend class.

Five NSU students have shared their experiences before and after the storm with the Current Sauce. Although most of their friends and family are doing well now, some things are still not back to normal.



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Amanda Vincent hangs out in the Student Union lobby before her Panhellenic meeting. Vincent's family was affected by the devastation of Hurricance Katrina.

'Glued to the TV'

Allie Sturino first found out about Hurricane Katrina from a television set in the Wellness, Recreation and Activities Center where she was working out.

Sturino, a freshman education major from Marrero, said she called her parents who told her they weren't planning to evacuate. So Sturino shrugged it off and did not worry.

When junior general studies major Amanda Vincent from Mandeville received a call from her parents saying they were evacuating, she thought they were just being paranoid.

"I grew up in south Louisiana around New Orleans so hurricanes weren't really that big of a deal to me," Vincent said. "I just thought it would be like any other storm, so I just went about my business."

But as Hurricane Katrina came closer to land, both Sturino's and Vincent's parents headed to Natchitoches for shelter. Vincent's parents stayed in her house. Sturino lived in a dorm room at the time, so her parents stayed at a hotel, and then a friend's house.

April Bunnell and Sarah Blake also housed their families.

Bunnell, a sophomore education major from Harahan, said she had to beg her parents to evacuate. When they finally gave in and came to Natchitoches, Bunnell had a full house.

"There were about 15 people staying in my house including my roommates," Bunnell said. "There were also two dogs. We were all scared, and all that was running through our minds was, 'Is our house flooded or still standing or what?'"

Bunnell said she was glued to the TV, and she quit caring about school. She became involved in a clothing drive for hurricane victims and concentrated on that instead of homework.

Blake, a sophomore education major from Kenner, said her homework was severely affected when her family came to stay with her. Nine people stayed in her two-bedroom apartment for a month.

"It was rough for my housemate, Maggie, and I because we had to continue going to classes and trying to study while my family was staying at our house," Blake said. "It was very noisy all the time and crowded. Everyone was in a rush trying to get things accomplished. My family kept their eyes on the TV constantly."

Vincent said her parents left Natchitoches in the middle of the storm because they wanted to be the first people to return home. After they left, she had no way to contact them for a long time. She was anxious and upset, and she couldn't turn off the TV.

"Then one day I was watching the Weather Channel or something and I saw a video of the movie theater by my house!" Vincent said.

A whole side of the theater had been destroyed.

The aftermath

Sturino's parents moved to a friend's house in Lafayette, and they stayed there a month before returning home. Her mother, who worked at a floral shop that flooded, lost her job. Her father lost a promotion and an opportunity for business travel.

Their house took minor damage, which they've since gotten repaired. Sturino said the worst part of it was being a first-semester freshman without the opportunity to visit home on weekends. She said it was difficult not being able to see her family much.

Vincent's family is still not sure if their house is salvageable. They are on a long waiting list to get a structural assessment. They are living in the house, but they are not sure if the structure is sound.

Since Vincent has been in college, her parents have paid all of her expenses. But right after the storm, her parents were unable to access their bank accounts, so Vincent had to borrow money from friends to pay bills, and she had to quickly get a job.

Her parents have returned to work, and her mother has even received a promotion since the storm. Vincent doesn't have to work anymore, but she has gotten used to working. She keeps a student job in the Office of Student Activities for extra cash.

Bunnell's parents did not return to Kenner. Instead, they rented an inexpensive house in Natchitoches, and people in the community donated furniture and helped them move.

"I had to accept the fact that I was no longer from Kenner, but Natchitoches had to become my home," Bunnell said. "It was strange and totally different for me especially since I had grown up there my whole life. But I have come to realize through a series of events that I am destined to live in a small town rather than a city."

Blake's sister's house in New Orleans went 14 feet under water and was completely destroyed. Her mother's house in Harahan was OK, but she lost her job. Blake's mother fixed up and sold the house, and the whole family relocated to Lubbock, Texas.

"My life will never be the same,"

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Larrie King/the Current Sauce

This is one of many paintings by Ronna S. Harris currently on display in the Orville J. Hanchey Gallery.

Nude art exhibit 'exposes' strong feelings among public

By Larrie King
Sauce Reporter

The female figure is one of art's earliest subjects. Throughout centuries the intellect and emotion of women have led to their depiction in various media—one of the foremost being painting.

NSU's Creative and Performing Arts department welcomed the work of Ronna S. Harris this month, with an exhibition called "Figures Revisited." This is a collection of oil painting spanning the past two decades.

Harris,an associate professor in the Newcomb Art Department at Tulane University, explains that her works are autobiographical in nature, yet they emphasize contemporary women's issues.

Natchitoches, while known for its annual Christmas Festival, is notorious for being cautious when it comes to the arts. In the past there have been rumors of such "caution" being taken within the visual arts department and its many displays.

Recently, it was rumored that a group of female NSU visitors were attending a concert in Magale Recital Hall when they were affronted by Harris' paintings, which were allegedly locked in the gallery with the lights turned off. After confronting the administration about the matter later that evening, the show was asked to be taken down.

However, it has been discovered that a very uninteresting version of this story actually occurred, and the show was never asked to be removed.

According to current Visual Arts department head Dr. Roger Chandler, the rumors are indeed dismissive. On the whole, not only is the university open to a lot more that it gets credit for—so is the community of Natchitoches. The nude subjects of Harris' paintings are in no way meant to be offensive or profane.

As Visual Arts student D'Nea Tyler states, "I thought that she had a lot of her emotions in the work, and I respected that she was willing to share that with other people."

While nudity may be a stumbling block for some of our older and more traditional community members, NSU students seem ready to embrace a more modern and less cautious demeanor when it comes to the arts.

Semi-annual Career Fair urges students to prepare in advance

By Andi Bass
Sauce Reporter

According to kiplingers.com, it takes the average college graduate approximately four months to acquire a job after graduating.

Lining up a job or a graduate school prior to graduation can save time and energy in the long run.

On Tuesday NSU put on a spring and summer job fair to try to help students make contacts.

There were 31 organizations in attendance, including Peoples State Bank, who setup a festive Mardi Gras table and gave away free chocolate coins and trinkets.

Charlotte Miller, a Peoples State Bank employee, said "We wanted it to be fun for the students."

Career counselor Traci LaBom said job fairs like these are a good opportunity for students to make connections and get an idea what is available after school.

The new NSU chapter of the National Association of Future Black Law Students took advantage of these opportunities by talking to Monica Smith of Southern University Law Center, located in Baton Rouge.

They plan on staying in contact with each other, which will bring more opportunities for the students of the group.

Senior social work major Eric Graves said the fair was a great experience. He has an internship with Court Appointed Special Advocate, who was also present at the job fair.

"We came here to make everyone aware we are here [in Natchitoches]. The reason I chose this particular one was because I didn't know anything about CASA, so I chose it to learn more," he said.

For many students, it takes months after they graduate to finally secure a job. Knowing what is out there before graduation can help combat this.

Junior Computer Information Systems major Tim Ethridge wanted to do just that. "It was kind of intimidating at first, but it wasn't so bad after taking to a few people and kind of getting into it,"he said.

Many of the company representatives insisted that starting now and making an early connection would be beneficial to the graduating student—either in graduate school or with a perspective employer.

Attending job fairs and obtaining internships helps graduating seniors differentiate themselves and puts them one step ahead of the thousands of other graduates competing in the job market.

If you were unable to make it to the job fair, don't worry. Labom said that there will be more opportunities in the future for students to network with employers, such as a job fair for education majors on April 4.

For this job fair, students are required to sign up in advance at the career services office for interviews with school systems.

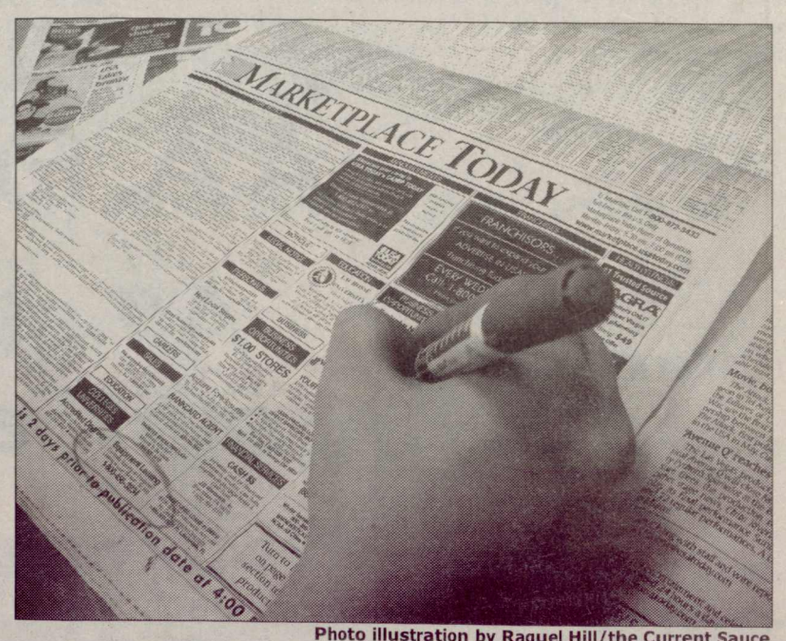


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Fashionable Focus

Help your fellow neighborette stay 'crack-free'

I usually don't have a very strong opinion when it comes to this little fashion column. Recently, though, my peers have brought something disturbing to my attention, and I completely agree with them.

It has to do with the way some college girls like to dress for class.

It just burns my grits when I see girls wearing super-skinny, almost sprayed-on jeans or pants when they are clearly five sizes to small for them. It looks so unattractive to see college women, who are supposed to be educated and refined, make themselves appear cheap and over exposed.

Oh! And what about the super low-rise jeans that show off a girl's "goodies" both in the rear and in the front? I think they came up with one of the most degrading terms for these types of jeans, "muffin tops," because they give even normal bodies that unsightly bulge on the sides of them.

Ick. Eww. Ugh. That's sick.

The same thing goes for those "micro-mini" skirts, too.

Does it bother anyone else besides me when a woman sitting in front of you in class has on low jeans and her hot pink thong sticks out the back? Come on, people! If I wanted to see crack, I would go find a drug dealer. I don't need to see that crap and neither does anyone else for that matter.

So now that I've vented and stated the problem, I think I can help.

The way I see it is that many girls like to dress this way in order to gain some sort of attention—whether it is negative or positive. And that's the real issue here.

The difference between looking sexy, feeling sexy and actually being sexy is in the attitude, not in the plunge of your neckline or the ability for others to peek at your feminine parts when you bend over. You can still look sexy without looking like you belong on a street corner with a pocket full of Trojans.

There is a real power in being a woman. A strong woman is powerful through her confidence, attitude and perseverance. There is also power in the swing of our hips, because as women, we have a natural power that men are intimidated by—we hold the power of life within our anatomy.

Men are naturally attracted to us because it's programmed in their brains.

Ladies, you don't need to show off your "stuff" to get all that attention and attraction you may think you want.

Find the confidence within you to look and feel sexy without the provocative ensembles. Find some pants that fit properly and a skirt that covers your rear end. You can be as sexy as you want, but remember where true style and sexiness comes from—the inside.

AFTERMATH

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Blake said. "I don't have a home in New Orleans anymore, so during breaks, when I do go to see my family, I have to fly to Lubbock because it is about 12 hours from Natchitoches."

Still not the same

When senior liberal arts major Andee Savoy visits her family in Sulphur, she notices how the city has changed since Hurricane Rita hit in September. Her family's property fared well in the storm, and her parents kept their jobs, but her hometown is a different place.

In the Sulphur/Lake Charles area, help-wanted signs are posted outside numerous fast-food restaurants and grocery stores.

Some businesses still have shortened hours. Restaurants still have shortened menus. Savoy said the two hurricanes turned the fall semester into a blur.

"A lot of last semester is blank because I felt like we just had to stop for a minute," Savoy said. "People have gotten back to a certain amount of living because that is what people have to do. But things are still different."

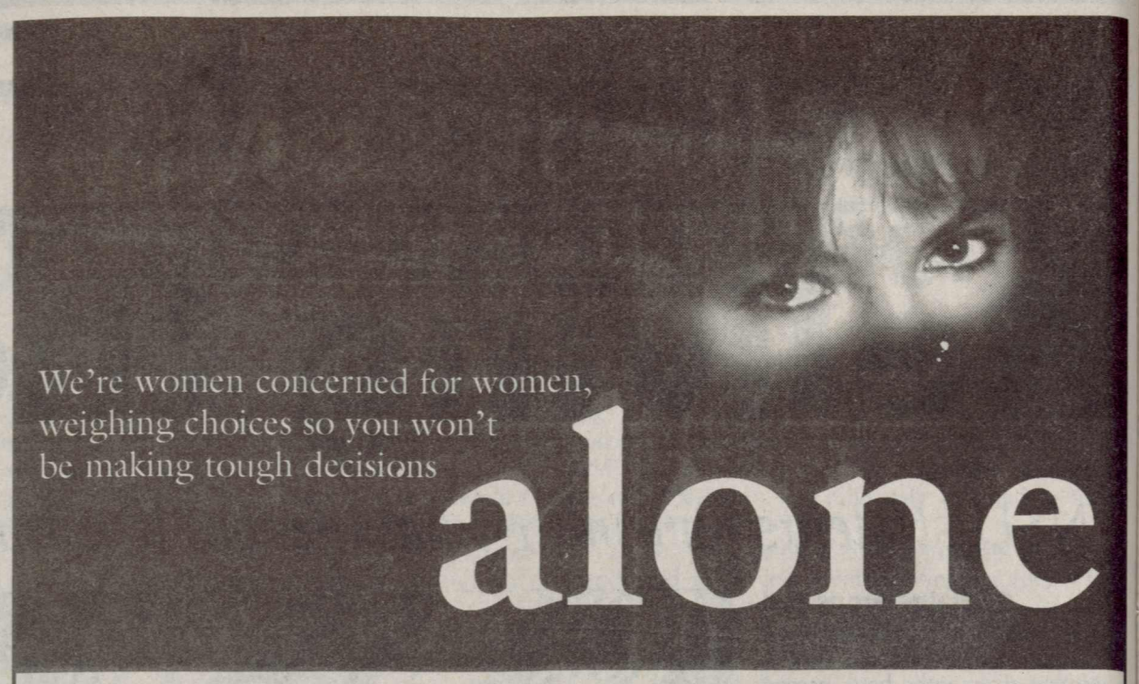
Sturino said the New Orleans area has the same problems. Help-wanted signs and blue tarp-covered roofs are still everywhere.

In some of the hardest hit areas, some buildings are still marked with Xs and numbers, noting that people had died inside them. Waterlines on walls are still visible. Signs are still down.

Sturino said, "The weirdest thing to me is instead of having signs up for businesses everything is on those little election-type signs. Prices, store hours, everything! There are no real regular signs up anymore because they all got blown over, so you'll see these picket signs all over the place, and the medians and are so crowded with them. Every time you stop at a red light and look into the neutral ground, that's all you can see."

Things have changed, but Sturino is optimistic.

"As far as returning to complete normalcy, it's not possible down there right now. But I think that the city has taken a lot of steps to try to get things back to normal by encouraging businesses come back, and now a lot of the businesses have incentives and bonuses to work for them so that they can be back to a fully operational status."



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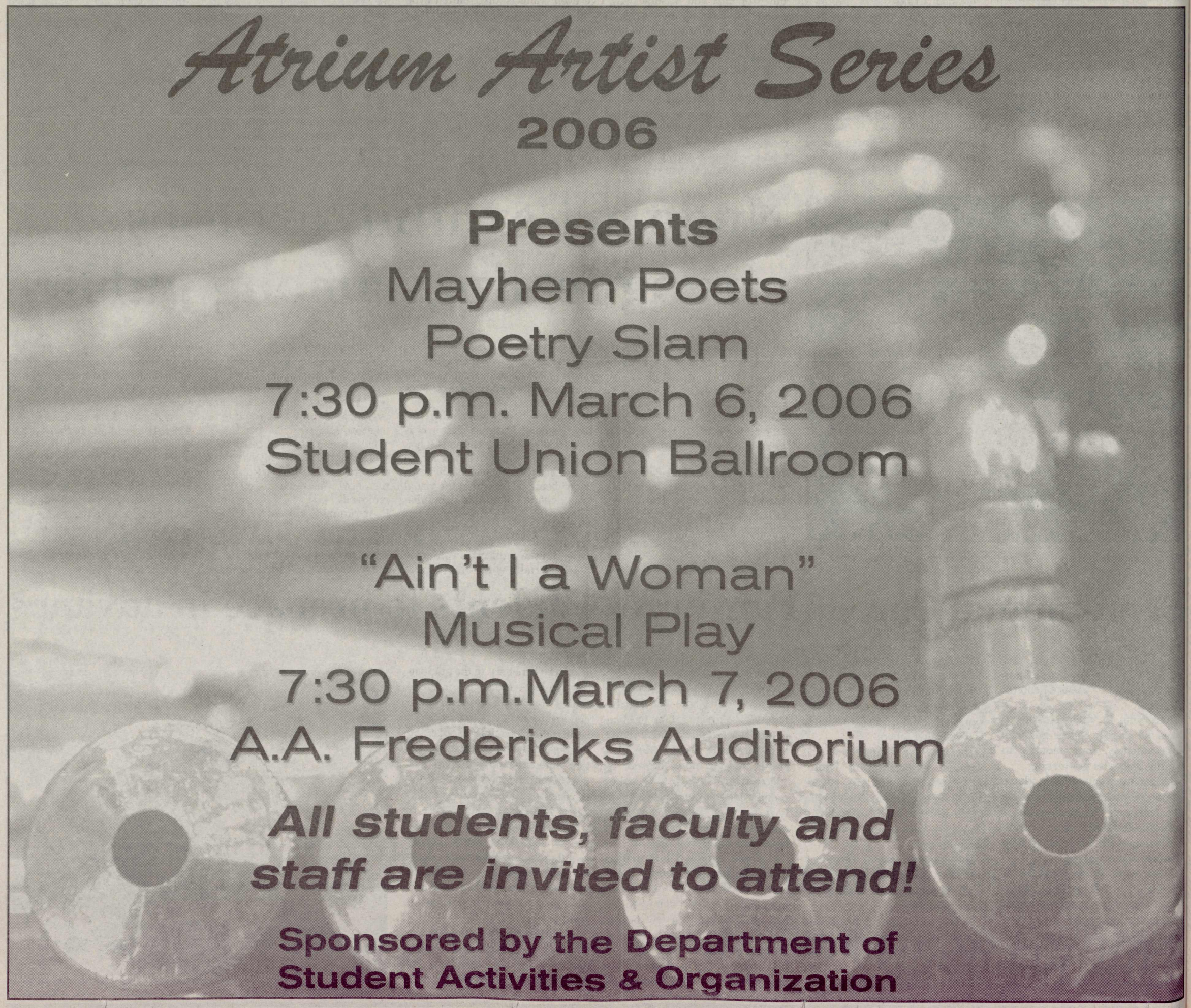
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Student exposes stealth racism



By Aaron Pizani
Sauce Columnist

I debated with myself on whether or not to write about such a cliché subject as racism for a column, but I've been provoked too often to let the subject slide by without any acknowledgement.

Racist comments have become taboo, as they should be. However, some people still hold racist attitudes and express them in passive ways because they know it is inappropriate to just come out and admit what they are. I call this Passive Aggressive Racism.

Here are a few examples of my experiences.

I was talking to a girl on campus a couple of years ago. The conversation was fun and I mentioned that, if I get rich one day, I want to open up a Sushi Bar/Arcade in Natchitoches. I'd call it "Pizani-moto's" because if you put "moto" after anything, it sounds Japanese. Her response was, as close as I can remember, "The black people would just take it over, just like the pool and skating rink."

My first reaction was confusion. Whether you are black or white, the only color I care about if I'm running a business is green. As long as you've got quarters to put into a machine or $4.50 for some tuna rolls, I don't care what color your skin is.

My next reaction was like a mixture of horror and pity. I had gotten to know this person over the course of the year and never expected something like that.

My next encounter didn't happen too long after words. I had just decided to move into the Frog Pond Apartments and I mentioned this to a lady I knew on campus. Her response was for me to "be careful" because the apartments were built next to a "bad neighborhood."

Well, of course I'm going to be concerned about living near a "bad neighborhood," so I checked it out for myself. I drove through the neighborhood behind the apartment complex, and I was confused once again. Everything looked perfectly normal to me. I didn't have to swerve to avoid any dead bodies in the road or drive like James Bond to dodge any stray bullets. Then I suddenly understood what the lady meant.

Black people. Black people live in this neighborhood. She meant for me to "be careful" because the apartments were next to a black neighborhood. Somehow in her brain "black" translated into "bad."

For the record, I have felt safe living there since the day I moved in.

After Hurricane Katrina ripped through Louisiana, humanity seemed at its best when Natchitoches openly welcomed evacuees into shelters. I came across one woman who volunteered at one of the off campus shelters, and overheard her conversation with someone else I knew. She made the comment that she had caught several people taking more than one box of food and supplies each day.

It is no secret that most of the evacuees at that shelter were African-American. She had the nerve to say "they are probably taking the food down to Texas Street and selling it for drugs."

If you know Natchitoches very well, you know that "Texas Street" implies "black neighborhood."

These aren't even a handful of the remarks I've heard. I could tell enough stories to fill the entire Opinion section of the newspaper. Those comments may seem pretty blatant to you, but they were said to me, a white guy. A white guy they thought would be safe to express their ignorance to.

Well, surprise! I write a column for the Current Sauce, and it turns out I'm not so safe after all.

The comments I've told you about aren't just from random people. They are people that you could run into on any day. I'm withholding names and specific places to protect their privacy, but I really should have let them have it the moment the comments came out of their mouths.

Here's the deal. It isn't enough to make people realize that it is inappropriate for them to make racist comments. The attitude itself is unacceptable, whether you express it or not. The right of freedom of speech means you can say practically anything as an American. But, how about as a human being?

Don't get me wrong and think I'm making a sweeping generalization that all white people are racist. We aren't. This makes it even more important that we stand up against racism. I don't want people to assume I'm racist just because I'm white.

After I've hopefully gotten the point across that racism is still here and still stupid, here's how we fix it. White people have to make other white people realize that it is a wrong attitude. Racist white people aren't going to be suddenly enlightened by Jesse Jackson or Al Sharpton. They need to hear it from other white people.

Racist black people aren't going to get it from white people, either. Black people have to get it across to other black people that racism is wrong. The dissent has to come from within.

We have to get the message across that no matter how educated you are, what position you hold, what faith you hold, how nice you are, how much you give to charity, how much you love your family, or how much sugar you take in your coffee, a racist attitude is still stupid.

Aaron Pizani is a history major.

Drugs may cause permanent calm



By Kristen Alexander
Sauce Columnist

According to a study conducted by the Food and Drug Administration, stimulant drugs used to treat people with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder may be linked to an increased risk of death and injury on people who are prescribed these medications.

The FDA has now voted in favor of the "black box" warning for these stimulant drugs after being informed of the deaths of several people, 19 of those being children. Drugs required to include these labels are methylphenidates, such as Ritalin, Concerta, Methylin and Adderall.

In the United States, doctors prescribe these drugs to about two million children and one million adults every month. That's a huge number of people, and it's continuing to increase everyday.

Let's focus on the reasons doctors prescribe these stimulants. Yes, every person and case is different, but what is a general symptom of people diagnosed with ADHD? According to the National Institute of Health website, symptoms include impulsiveness (acting without thinking), hyperactivity (inability to sit still or keep quite), and inattention (easily side tracked and prone to day dreams). A child who uses these drugs is said to be able to combat these symptoms and become more successful at home, at school and in play.

What about the side affects and fatal downfalls? According to an FDA review, 25 reports of deaths among the drugs' users between 1999 and 2003 uncovered 54 cases of cardiovascular problems, which include heart attacks, strokes, hypertension, palpitations and arrhythmia.

Although the study only found 54 cases, let's think about the people those 54 cases affected. About 2.5 million children between the ages of four and 17 take ADHD drugs, and the adult use of the drugs has grown 90 percent between 2002 and 2005. Evidently many people are dependent on these drugs in order to successfully battle inattention and hyperactivity. In return these drugs are giving users toned-down personalities along with heart problems and death. Seems like a big deal to me.

Granted, these days just about everything you do can make you sick or hurt you in some way. I've even heard that the lead from a pencil can give you cancer and cell phone radiation causes tumors.

I know a young child who has to take medications like these. He is naturally full of energy and life but once he pops the pill he becomes zoned out and seems to have no personality. However, he has done better in school once he started taking the drug.

Yes, I know everyone is affected differently, and I'm not saying this is how everyone reacts when taking these drugs. Honestly though, I don't want to see my loved one be chilled out only to suffer from heart problems and possibly death.

Hopefully, scientists and doctors can soon invent some other type of stimulant or attention-getting drug that doesn't have all of these negative side affects. Until then, if these drugs are causing all of these problems, I think we should figure out some other way to deal with people who have ADHD and help them adapt and function better.

Given the large number of side affects on children who take these drugs, I don't think it's fair for their parents to be the ones who have the authority to make the choice that can lead to their child's death.

I Honestly don't think a child should be prescribed such a strong stimulant until they are old enough to understand and know all of the possible dangers that come with the drug. I know I wouldn't want the death of my child to be on my shoulders because I thought he or she was hard to handle.

Kristen Alexander is a journalism major.

Paintings represent more than what meets the eye



BY Kera Simon
Sauce Columnist

Nude art has been around since before the time of the Bible. Greek art showed gods and goddesses in their birthday suits. A nude man symbolized strength, and a nude woman symbolized fertility. It's amazing to think that, even after centuries of naked people in art, it is still somewhat shocking and taboo.

I think the artwork by Ronna Harris in the Orville J. Hanchey Gallery, is neither shocking nor taboo. It's beautiful, and I think the nudity is very tastefully portrayed. These paintings do not objectify women, and are not vulgar in any way. The nudity in these paintings is apparent, but it is only a part of the painting. The nudity expresses sensuality, vunerability, freedom and utter truth.

One of my favorite paintings is called "Belemoned." It is a painting of a nude pregnant woman. She's looking off into space, and there is an illusion of a little girl sucking her thumb next to the woman's stomach.

I tried to look up the word "belemoned," thinking that it had a special meaning, but Harris said she created the word out of inspiration from a book she read.

This painting moved me because it is real life. The woman is carrying life within her. I like to imagine that she is thinking of the unborn child. You may feel different, but, hey, that's the glory of art. It says different things to different people.

Another of my favorites is called "Look What They've Done to the Rainforest." The painting shows two women smeared with mud, surrounded by green pipes and wooden beams, like a construction site. One woman looks very stern and proud, while the other looks solemn and sad. The women are nude, except for little cloth panties.

There is so much more to study in this painting than the nudity. I think they represent primitive human nature. They are very out of place in the new rainforest. You may disagree with my analogy, okay, go ahead. There's the glory of art again!

I feel that these paintings, like all representational art (ha, fine arts does come in

handy), have messages to reveal. These messages can be more blunt or shocking than the paintings' portrayal of female pubic hair.

If you are uncomfortable with these images, fine, don't go see them. If you do view the paintings and see the significance of the artist's endeavors, good for you. If you view the paintings and think that the pictures would have said the same thing with clothing, that's okay too.

These paintings, and paintings similar to these, affect people in different ways. One should not be punished for the feelings of others. So absorb them, study them and move on. There is really nothing taboo about it.

Kera Simon is a freshman journalism major.

Is America ready for a female president?



By Raymond Billy, Jr.
Opinions Editor

I hate to disappoint all the little girls around the country who dream of becoming president, but America is not close to being ready.

Don't believe everything you see on TV. Gina Davis makes a powerful "Commander-in- Chief," but she may be as close as we come to seeing a female president within the next 50 years.

It's nice to pretend that America is progressive enough to vote for a qualified female candidate, but there are social and psychological barriers we still need to break through before we will cast our ballots for a nominee with a little more estrogen than we are used to.

There is no doubt that Hillary Clinton has a legitimate shot in 2008, but that doesn't mean we will make a habit of considering female candidates in the future. Americans are not ready to throw out the unspoken rule that only white, Anglo-Saxon Protestant males can be president.

Many of the people who will seriously consider Clinton are like racists who say "Some of my best friends are black": Clinton is their exception.

She is being considered for the presidency despite being a woman. Paradoxically, Clinton has the unique advantage of being a former first lady. She parlayed that publicity into a Senate seat in 2000.

Very few politicians, male or female, are afforded the platform Clinton enjoyed before she took office. Most lawmakers spend years cultivating relationships and building their reputations before they acquire prestigious government posts. This process is still much more difficult for women than it is for men.

A recent CBS report showed that in the United States currently, there are only eight governors, 67 House members and 14 senators who have ovaries.

In government overall, progress seems to be coming at a snail's pace. The University at Albany's Center for Women in Government and Civil Society released an eye-opening study last week. The study revealed that women have only increased their numbers in major leadership positions by 1.6 percentage points between 1998 and 2005, from 23.1 percent to 24.7 percent.

The Center defined leadership positions as statewide elected officials, state legislators, high court judges, department heads and top advisers in governors' offices.

These are sobering statistics for anyone hoping to see a woman president in the near future.

To complicate matters further, female candidates will have a difficult time overcoming the proverbial elephant in the room: national security.

Only 53 percent of respondents said a female president would equal a male's performance as commander-in-chief, according to a poll conducted by Siena Research Institute of Siena College in Loudonville, N.Y.

On issues ranging from foreign policy to energy, women consistently scored in the mid fifties in terms of those who believed that a woman would perform at least as well as a male president.

Playing into the nurturer stereotype, women scored highest on health and education issues, where 63 percent of respondents said that a woman would perform better as president than a man.

I am a big believer in the notion that the numbers do not lie, but I have to question this stat: 79 percent of respondents in the Siena study said they would be willing to vote for a woman as president.

If we are to believe this premise, why have woman made so little governmental progress in the last seven years? People are barely willing to allow women to lead their states. Why should we believe that they would pick a woman to lead the country?

I'm only left to believe that there are thousands of people with third-degree burns on their legs from their pants catching fire.

There is good news, though. If Hillary does win in 2008, the number of women who hold elected positions may dramatically increase. Seeing Hillary at the desk could warm people to the idea that women can be just as strong as men in leadership roles. Then we would not have to wait another 200 years between the time Hillary leaves office and another woman is elected president.

Hillary has a window of opportunity. She has become a star in New York and has distinguished herself as a hawkish democrat by supporting many of President Bush's national security measures.

The bad news is that many early polls, looking ahead to the '08 presidential election, have Hillary trailing John McCain and Rudy Giuliani, two men who are certainly more polished on security issues than Clinton; Giuliani because of his no-nonsense law enforcement policies as a New York Mayor, not to mention his leadership following September 11 and McCain because of his war experience in Vietnam.

If Hillary does not win in 2008, I will probably be a senior citizen before another woman is taken seriously as a presidential candidate. If she doesn't break through the glass ceiling, women will continue to crack it slowly, one pebble at a time.

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Demons v. Cardinals

Demons to face Lamar tonight for possible consecutive championship win

By Kristen Alexander
Sauce Reporter

The men's basketball team will go up against Lamar at 6:30 in Prather Coliseum to cinch the SLC Championship for the second year in a row.

The Demons, now 18-7 overall and 11-1 in league play, will face the Cardinals, who are 14-11 overall and 7-5 in league play.

Head Coach Mike McConathy said they are, "probably the most talented team in the league."

Lamar has lost two games in a row to Sam Houston and UTA, so a win tonight is desperately needed to improve their seating for the SLC Tournament, which begins March 7.

If the Demons can win the SLC Championship two years in a row, it will be the first time in 52 years. The last time was under Head Coach Red Thomas, who lead the Demons to Gulf States Conference Crowns in 1953 and 1954.

McConathy said Lamar coach Billy Tubbs is "a big time coach who has done a great job with the program."

Tubbs first coached at Lamar from the late 1970s to the early 1980s. He then went on to coach at the University of Oklahoma, where he took the team to the Final Four. He coached at TCU and then returned to Lamar. Tubbs has a record of over 600 wins.

Tubbs said, "I think it will be an outstanding game. NSU is definitely the team to beat because they are expected to win the Conference. They seem to be the best team in the league."

McConathy said the hardest thing the Demons will have to overcome tonight is the Cardinal's talent. They have three of the league's top 15 players on their team, including Thomas Fairley, Matthew Barrow and Alan Daniels.

Daniels, a Lamar forward, is considered SLC's top scorer.

McConathy said, "We always say the MVP of our team is our team. Our defense and rebounding will create the opportunities for us to score easy buckets."

Leading the Demons tonight will be the seven seniors: Byron Allen, Alfonse Dyer, Kerwin Forges, Clifton Lee, Tyronn Mitchell, D.J. Ross and Jermaine Wallace.

Wallace, a senior guard, will be looking to hit two three-pointers tonight to break Kenny McMillon's NSU career record of 187.

Senior guard Mitchell needs seven steals to break Lester Davis's record of 251.

He is also seven assists away from exceeding Davis for the third all-time assists in Demon history.

Tubbs said, "NSU has really good depth. There's not just one player to stop, it's the whole team we have to stop."

Tubbs believes his team may be up to the challenge.

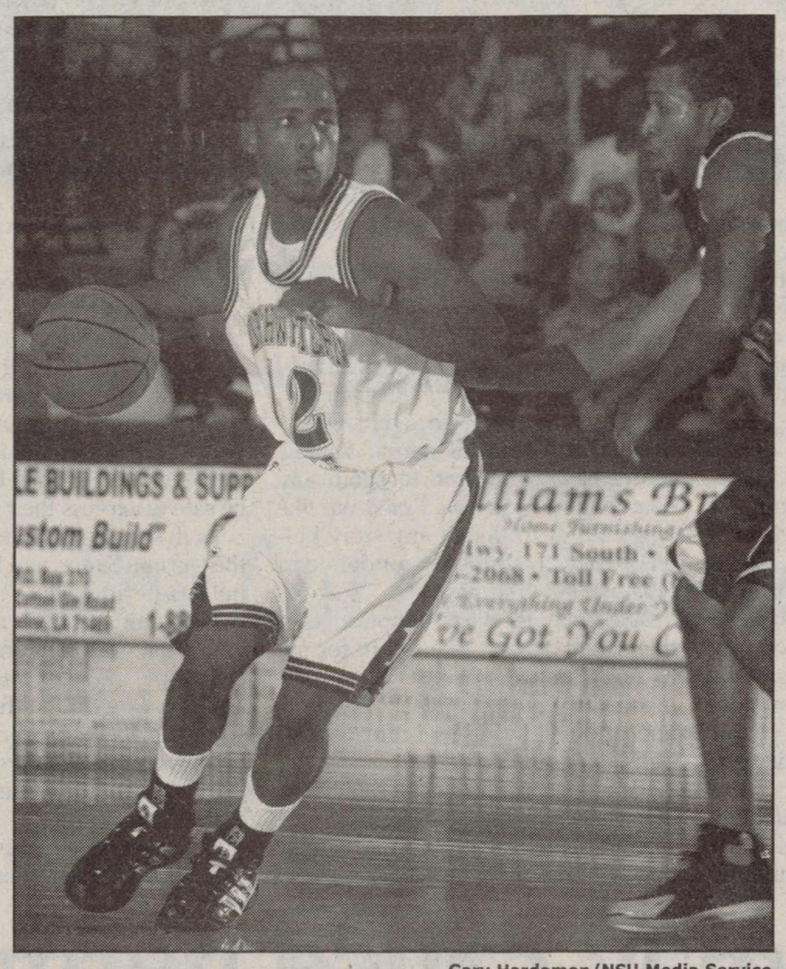
"Certainly we won't back down from them, it will be a dogfight until the very end," Tubbs said.

Saturday the Demons are scheduled to play the McNeese Cowboys, who, along with Lamar, are considered two of NSU's toughest challengers in the SLC.

McConathy said, "Lamar is going to come out here expecting to win, but we've earned the opportunity to do this at home and are hoping for a good, enthusiastic crowd to support us in our last two games of the Conference race."

Saturday's game will also be the final regular season home appearance for the seniors, and there will be a pre-game ceremony in which they will be recognized.

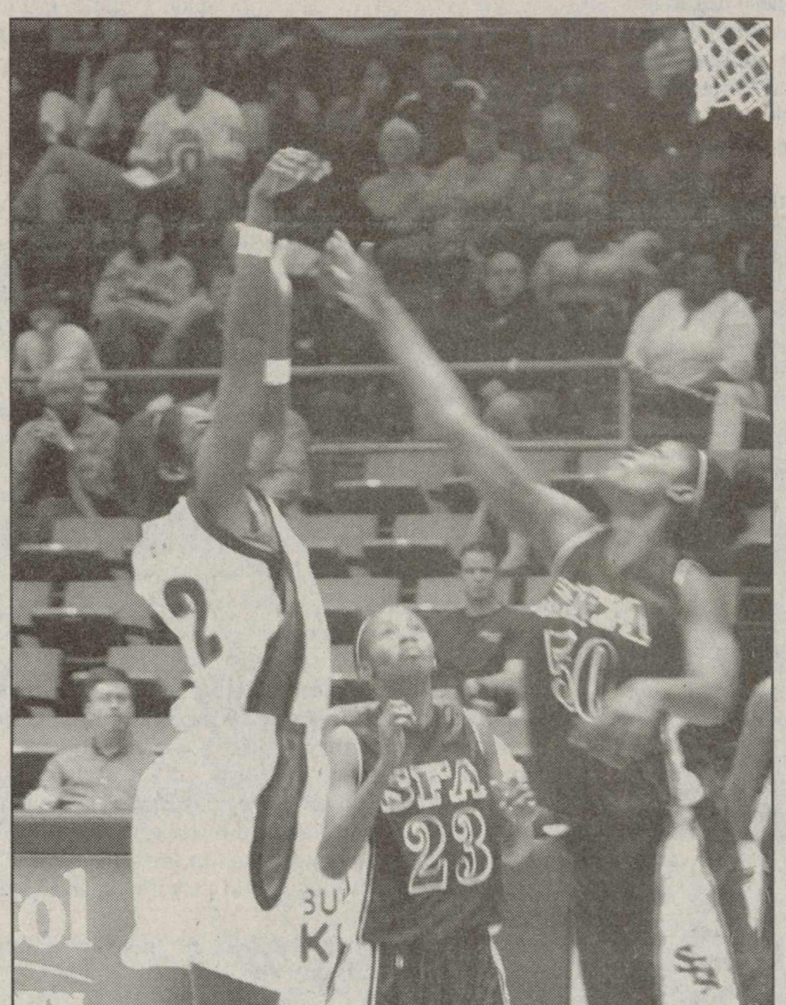
So far the Demons have won eight straight games in the SLC this season and are 24-2 overall at Prather since last season.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service

Junior guard Luke Rogers presses forward in a game against East Texas Baptist last November. Tonight, the Demons face Lamar for the SLC Championship game.

Lady Demons mauled by Lady Lions, 46-45



Teranda Denatto/the Current Sauce

Sheronda Bell shoots for a goal during the Feb. 4 game against rivals Stephen F. Austin. The Lady Demons will face Lamar tonight at 7 p.m. in the first of the final four games before the SLC Tournament.

By Kristi George
Sauce Reporter

NSU fans witnessed a heartbreaker in Prather Coliseum Saturday as the Lady Demons fell 46-45 to the Southeastern Louisiana Lady Lions on a putback by Southeastern's Brenita Williams, with less than a second left in the game.

Williams led the game with 20 points and 12 rebounds.

Sheronda Bell led NSU with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Chassidy Jones added 11 points.

The Demons trailed 23-18 at the half and fell into a 12-point deficit in the second half.

NSU rallied back to take a lead of 40-36 after Bell hit two free throws and Jones hit a jump shot with less than 10 minutes to play.

Jazmin Cain hit a jumper, and a layup by Williams tied the game at 40 with less than five minutes remaining.

Bell put NSU up by three with a layup and free throw shot.

Williams hit two free throws and a jumper to give her team the lead.

Bell was fouled by Necaise and made both free throws with 10 seconds remaining, giving NSU a one-point lead.

Williams' putback sealed the victory for Southeastern.

"It was a tough loss." Coach Jennifer Graf said.

"We did not shoot well, and when you only score 13 baskets in a ballgame, it makes it extremely difficult to win," she said.

NSU went into the game being the thirty-seventh team in NCAA history to reach their 600 all-time victory mark as they beat Nicholls on Thursday.

Graf said, "We were excited about finally passing the 600 mark and doing it in Lady Demon fashion."

Graf also said the team was excited about finally shooting the ball well enough to snap their six-game losing streak.

The Lady Demons are preparing for their last games before the SLC Tournament begins.

NSU is in a dogfight with five teams, including McNeese, for the last spot in the SLC Tournament.

Graf said, "We hold our own destiny in our hands. How we play these next four ballgames will determine our place in the SLC Tournament. Anything can happen past that point."

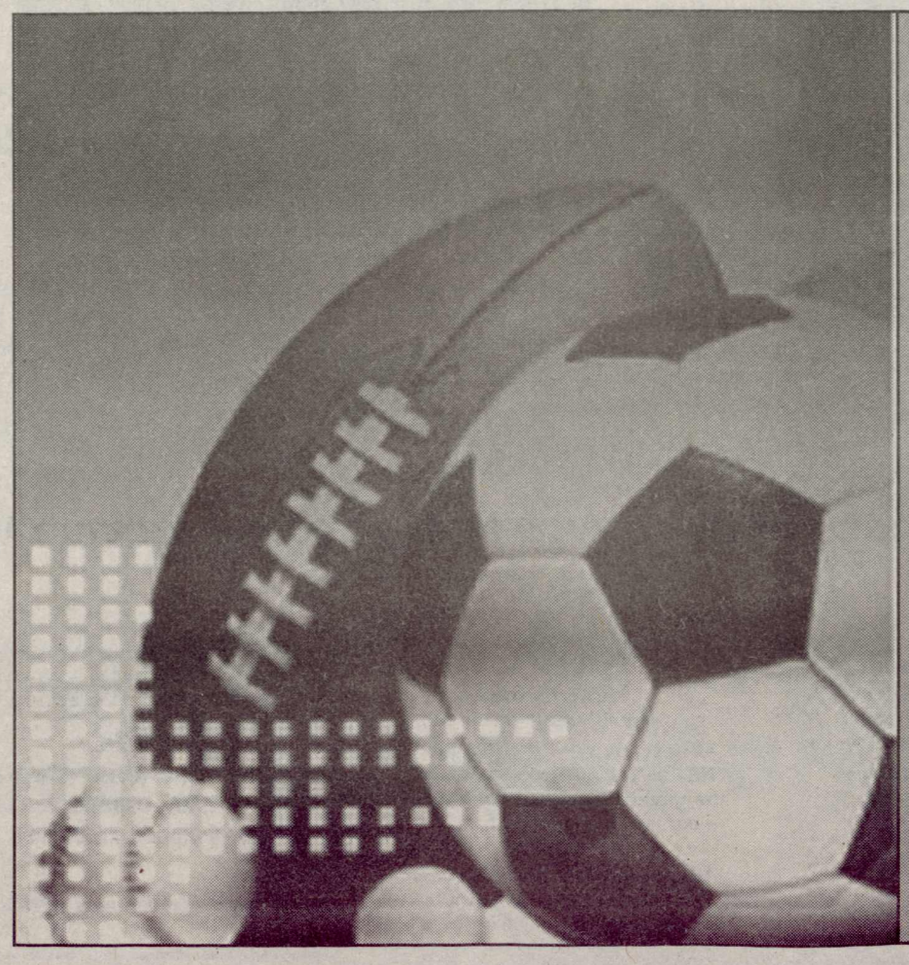
The Lady Demons are back in action tonight against Lamar at 7 for the SLC Championship Game.

Lady Demons Basketball

Dates and times of remaining games

- **Feb. 23**: Lamar, 7 p.m. (away)
- **Feb. 25**: McNeese, 3 p.m. (away)
- **Feb. 28**: Texas State, 6:30 p.m.
- **Mar. 3**: Texas-San Antonio, 6:30 p.m.
- **Mar. 6**: SLC Tournament, 7 p.m.
- **Mar. 8**: SLC Tournament, 7 p.m.
- **Mar. 11**: SLC Tournament, TBA

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Courtesy Sports Information Bureau

Lady Demons Tenni

NSU looks to avoid f weather again as it travels fo first match in three weeks Southern Mississippi, schedu for a 10 a.m. first serve Saturd

The NSU team, who is dropped its first two matches Arkansas State and Arkans Little Rock.

The Lady Demons have played since the UALR ma Feb. 4, as their last two matc scheduled with Louisiana T and Centenary have been p poned or cancelled.

Southern Miss, who is 2-5, to No. 75, Southeastern, on Tu day by a 5-2 score in their m recent match.

The Lady Demons will be fourth consecutive Southla Conference opponent for Golden Eagles.

The Lady Demons' first So land Conference match will the Saturday, March 4 matc 2:00 p.m. against Louisia Monroe at ULM's Heard St um.

NSU's first home match wil the Saturday, March 11 ma with Texas-San Antonio. The f serve is set for 11:00 a.m. at Jack Fisher Tennis Complex.

Soccer Game Cancell

With Wednesday's ga against LSU at the Demon Soc Complex cancelled, spring s son kicks off March 11 Louisiana-Monroe.

The Demons lost five sen off of last year's team that ro through the league's postsea tournament and participate the NCAA Tournament.

"The loss of those sen leaves some questions for program," said Head So Coach Jimmy Mitchell, "but hope the spring games will h answer them. We have some standing players returning a great bunch of incoming fr man that we know will step to the challenge."

The Lady Demons will fea four dates in the spring sched beginning with the ULM ma

NSU will play in the Ce nary tournament on March 1 South Alabama on March 25 will host a tournament on A 1.

NSU falls 3-2 to Bayl

The Northwestern S Demon softball team put u grand effort before falling 15th-ranked Baylor, 3-2 Sun in the last inning of the f game of the Houston Mar Hobby Invitational.

The Demons mounted a lead in the first inning, cour of an Amanda Perdue two double, scoring Amanda G and Margaret Patterson. Kr Lindley (2-2) started the g from the circle and pitched first three innings without al ing a hit.

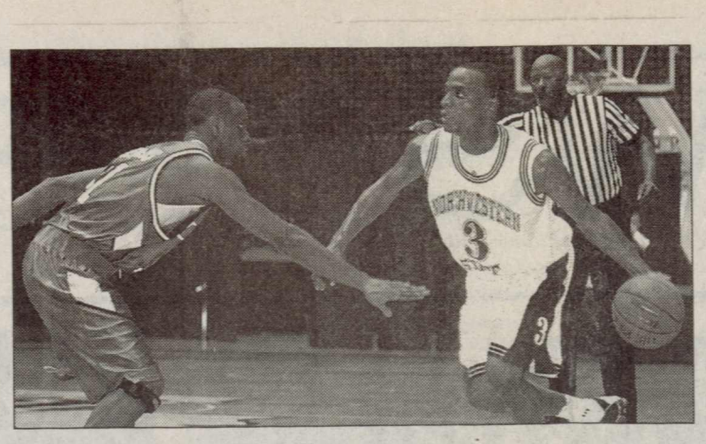
Lindley scattered four hit her five innings of work w striking out four batters. The hit for the Lady Bears came in fourth inning, and they sc one run in the fourth and ad another in the fifth.

Amanda Glenn (3-3) picke the loss after assuming pitc duties in the sixth inning. Lady Bears won the game o RBI double in the bottom of seventh inning with one out.

The Demons (5-5) return to diamond next weekend w they travel to Starkville, Mi sippi to take part in the Bul Round Robin hosted by Mi sippi State.

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Owens and Romero set to debate Patriot Act at NSU

By Jim Mustian
Sauce Reporter

The next round of a long-running debate over the controversial Patriot Act is set to take place Wednesday at NSU, which is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Center for Creative and Performing Arts.

Colorado Gov. Bill Owens, a supporter of the legislation, will square off against Anthony Romero, the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Association, an organization fighting to reform provisions of the Patriot Act it believes infringe upon civil rights. The executive editor of The Times in Shreveport, Alan English, will moderate the debate.

The Patriot Act, a 342-page anti-terror law implemented just six weeks after the terrorist attacks of September 2001, grants the government the right to obtain highly personal information about American citizens, including financial, academic and medical records, with little to no judicial overview.

The Act also allows the Federal Bureau of Investigations to investigate Americans for any "intelligence purposes" without probable cause and has permitted the wiretapping and Internet surveillance of suspected persons in some instances.

Owens and Romero have conflicting views as to how much freedom the government should have in monitoring suspected "domestic terrorists" and whether civil liberties are jeopardized by some of these means.

Owens, a Republican, has said many investigative powers expanded in the Patriot Act already existed before it was passed. He has consistently backed the law and attributes the lack of a terrorist attack on U.S. soil since Sept. 11 to the measures it has enabled.

Romero and the ACLU consider the Patriot Act too high a price for security and have pushed for reform, arguing the law gives the Bush administration "unwarranted and intrusive powers."

Owens said there are several misconceptions surrounding the law and referred to it as "the least read and most commented upon piece of legislation in recent history." According to the ACLU's website, most of the senators who originally signed it are among those who "did not even read the bill."

Accompanying the bill are a few new provisions, most notably one that aims to limit the amount of cold and allergy drugs containing methamphetamine that can be purchased over the counter on a monthly basis, the Houston Chronicle reported Tuesday.

The Patriot Act has been the topic of much discussion on Capitol Hill recently because its 16 main provisions were supposed to expire Friday. Congress, however, recently approved a reauthorization bill ending a long period of intransigence among lawmakers.

The debate Wednesday will not mark the first time the Patriot Act has brought Romero and Owens together. Romero moderated a similar debate hosted by the ACLU in July 2004 between Owens and Vermont Gov. Howard Dean. In that debate, Romero jokingly asked Dean to trade places with him after Owens' opening statements so he could rebut.

The debate, Liberty vs. Security and the Patriot Act: How to Keep America Safe and Free, is being funded by the Student Government Association. SGA Treasurer Ifrah Jamil said, roughly $13,500 of student self-assessed fees has been set-aside for the occasion.

SGA President Alan Sypert said the debate could be aired at a later date on CSPAN. "This has the potential to be one of the best SGA-sponsored events ever," he said.

Live coverage of the debate will be available on the SGA's website.

Admission to the debate is free for both NSU students and the public. A reception in the Hanchey Gallery outside of Magale Recital Hall will follow the debate. NSU students and faculty members can email ideas for questions to be asked in the debate to Aaron Pitre at apitre001@student.nsula.edu.

Students with talent help diversify campus life



Chris Reich/The Current Sauce

Kyle Sutton and Mason Granger read their poetry at Poetry Night, an event that was part of NSU's Diversity University Week.

WRAC discounts alumni

By Katie Lopez
News Editor

NSU alumni who were assessed the Wellness, Recreation and Activities Center fee while they attended NSU will be able use the facility without paying the full $360 annual alumni membership fee.

Patric DuBois, associate director of wellness, recreation sports & activities, said, "It was a lengthy process."

When the referendum was done in 1998, there was apparently talk about whether students who paid the WRAC fee were unable to use the facility while the building was being constructed would be able to after they graduated for the amount of time they paid the fee, DuBois said.

"I say 'apparently talked about' because that is where the problem happened," Dubois said. "That is why it took time to implement the policy, because it was not in written referendum."

NSU had to get permission from the State of Louisiana to implement this policy because it was not written in the referendum, DuBois said.

"Basically the state's take was if it is not in referendum and we gave students free memberships, then we are giving students free state property," DuBois said.

NSU president Randall Webb, vice president of student affairs Patrice Moulton, and former vice president for student affairs Danny Seymour, petitioned the legal council in Baton Rouge and checked all the legalities to formulate the policy that we now have.

Because there was proof in past issues of the Current Sauce and Potpourri that this policy was talked about NSU was able to start implementing the policy, DuBois said.

According, all fees paid by students between spring 1999 through summer 2005 will be added up for that student and that total will be put toward their alumni membership upon graduation from NSU.

The alumni membership for a year is $360. If a student paid the WRAC fee for two semesters, they get $150off the original alumni fee, DuBois explained.

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Campus Connections

The Current Sauce welcomes submissions for **Campus Connections**, a free service to organizations planning events that will be open to NSU students.

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Upcoming in SGA

Filing for spring elections will be from March 7 through March 17. Anyone running for Student Government Association or Student Activities Board positions can file in room 214 of the Friedman Student Union during these dates.

SGA senator at large positions are still available. Interested students can pick up applications in Room 222 of the Student Union.

The SGA will host a campus walk on March 9 at 6p.m. Senators will be walking in front of the Student Union, Iberville Dining Hall and other places.

The next SGA Ballroom meeting will be on March 13 at 7p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

The Liberty vs. Security Debate on the Patriot Act will be on March 15 at 7p.m. in the A.A. Frederick's center for Creative and Performing Arts. Questions may be presubmitted to Aaron Pitre apitre001@student.nsula.edu.

SGA general meetings are held on Mondays at 7p.m. in the Cane River Room of the Student Union.

Free trip through NSU Express

NSU Express is giving students a chance to win a free vacation for two, to either New York, San Francisco, Cancun or the Bahamas.

Each vacation package offers free round-trip airfare, a four-night hotel stay and sightseeing for two.

The first step is to attend NSU Express events. The events are free and will be held during one week out of each month this semester.

There will be a registration table at each event where students can register.

Yonna Pasch, assistant director of student activities, is hoping that the free trip will encourage students attend the NSU Express events.

"All of the programs are free, the main goal is to get students involved," Pasch said.

Jeffery Mathews, director of student activities and organizations, wants students to enjoy their time here at NSU.

"There is a myth that nothing goes on in Natchitoches, but there is plenty happening on our campus, Just come to the Student Union," Mathews said.

Students pay fees for these types of incentives.

"Students need to be aware that this is their money, and they should take advantage of it," Mathews said.

NSU sophomore Brittney Dixon said, "I enjoy attending events on our campus, so the chance to win a trip is an added bonus."

Jamie Broussard

Operation Photo Rescue

Operation Photo Rescue is an organization whose purpose is to restore photographs damaged during the hurricanes. The organization offers this service for free.

Freelance photographers, photo editors and people proficient in photo restoration are offering their help. To volunteer, send an e-mail to oprvoluntee@gmail.com and to have a photo restored, send an email to operationphotorescue@gmail.com

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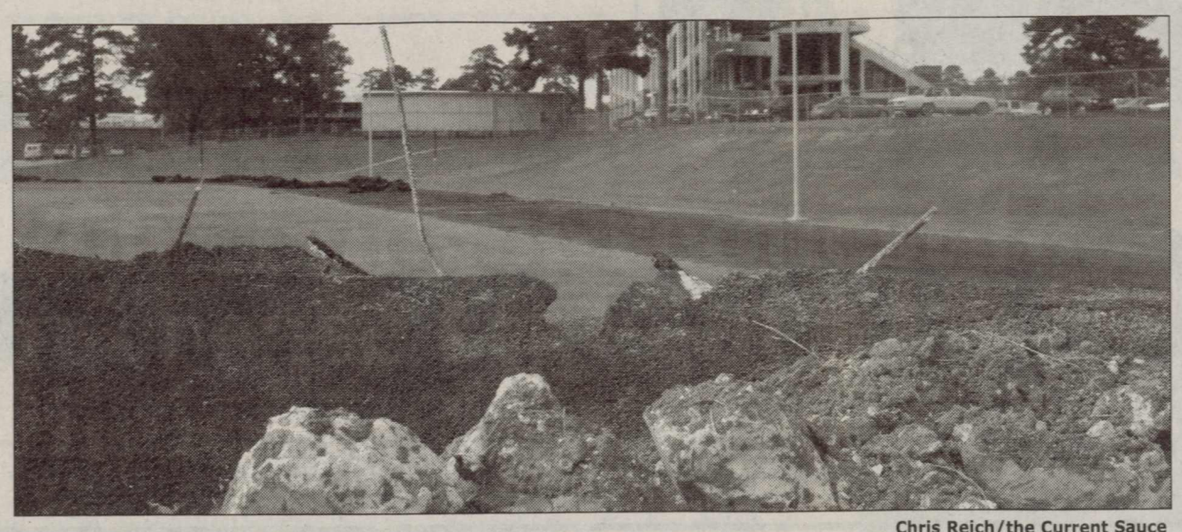
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The policy is effective through December 31, 2009 and will cover every student that has paid the fee. The policy does not end in 2009, but getting credit for paying the fee ends in 2009.

"You have to be an alumni to receive credit. Which means that you have to have graduated from NSU," Dubois said.

Alumnus Brandon MeKee said, he is happy that he does not have to pay the full $360 fee to work out at the WRAC and will now be able to enjoy the facility.

"I paid the WRAC fee all four years of college. I feel like it's owed to me," MeKee said.



Chris Reich/the Current Sauce
The new NSU track is still not complete which has added some controvery over when the first home track meet will occur.

Home track meet cancelled

By Kristi L. George
Sauce Reporter

NSU senior track star Marcus Pitre will never get to showcase his talents in front of a home crowd.

NSU was set to host a track meet Wednesday, but with delays in finishing the track, the meet, which would have been the first in four years, was cancelled.

Construction began in early August on the renovation of Walter Ledet Track and Field Complex. Track and field coach Leon Johnson said the renovation's cost will be a little under $1.1 million.

Johnson said he was very disappointed the seniors will be graduating without having a home meet.

The track was supposed to be finished in four months to allow NSU to host track meets, but workers experienced delays involving weather conditions and contract issues.

Johnson said, "When we got this project started a year ago, we were originally told the track would be finished in November to give us time to have track meets in the spring, but with all the delays it just didn't happen."

Johnson said if the weather stays good the track will be finished in three or four weeks, but Pitre said the track delays are nothing new for him.

"I'm used to it. I've been told about us getting a new track before I even arrived at NSU on my recruiting trip back in 2002. When I actually saw the construction my hopes were up, just to be shot right back down. Here it's 2006 and still the delays. For me it's been a four-year delay, Pitre said.

Pitre said he is disappointed the meet was cancelled and that he will never get to showcase his talents in front of a home crowd.

"I won't ever get to experience the feeling of having a track meet at home because this school has been unable to fork over the funds to build a track until the year I am leaving. I am pretty mad that I will be graduating in May and never have competed here at all," said Pitre.

Freshman track runner, Keith Domingue said it is a shame the seniors will not have a chance to have a home meet.

"That's the highlight of any and every athlete, to be able to run on your home field so family and friends can see your skills. I really do feel bad for them," he said.

Pitre said he hopes fans will support the track athletes once the renovation process is done.

"Fans would love to support Demon and Lady Demon track and field. I have been asked in the past year when the track would be finished so that they could come see us perform at a home meet," Pitre said.

Johnson agrees with Pitre and said the track renovation is a community project.

This community really wants us to have a home track meet. The city of Natchitoches is behind us 100 percent," said Johnson.

So far Pitre has finished the indoor track season, placing third in the 400- meter run and second in 1600 meter relay.

This past weekend Pitre failed to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships after finishing second in the 400 with a time of 49.25 seconds. The qualifying mark was 46. 45.

The outdoor track season begins on March 18 at the ULL Invitational in Lafayette, La.

NSU Police Blotter

3/2/06

3:48 p.m.

A call was made about a vehicle parked off the road in front of the president's house. It was nowhere to be seen when police arrived.

3/3/06

12:00 a.m.

A distress alarm came from the basement of the natatorium. Everything checked out fine when police investigated.

10:25 a.m.

An official at University Place phoned in the discovery of $5 worth of marijuana, otherwise known as a nickel bag.

3/5/06

4:03 p.m.

An officer helped free a key that was stuck in a door at the C-store.

3/6/06

11:30 a.m.

Maintenance personnel at the Family and Consumer Sciences building asked police to relay a message to Interface Security to disable the basement fire alarm because it was sounding that morning.

6:13 p.m.

A fight broke out between two guys in the stands at the softball field. Both left when the police got there.

3/7/06

1:10 p.m.

A medical emergency was reported at Russell Hall. The subject asked that a school nurse arrive before an ambulance is called. Once the nurse showed up with an officer, an ambulance was called. However, the subject refused to be transported once the ambulance got there.

3/8/06

11:50 a.m.

Animal control was called to remove a dog from Friedman Student Union.

4:35 p.m.

Unit 59 had baked fish at Iberville Dining Hall. Unit 51 declined to join him.

David Dinsmore

2007 budget request to increase student loan limits and interest rates

By David Dinsmore
Sauce Reporter

President Bush's 2007 fiscal year budget request held both good and bad news for NSU students, with loan limits rising with their interest rates.

"The loan limits' increasing, I think it's great. It's going to enable several more people to go to college," said Misti Adams, director of financial aid.

Adams said the Federal Family Education Loan program, which includes the Stafford loans, both subsidized and unsubsidized, will undergo the limit increases. These increases are set to go into effect in July 2007.

Freshmen will be allowed to borrow up to $3,500 for the first year, an increase of $875, and the sophomore limit will increase from $3,500 to $4,500, Adams said.

However, though the limits may go up, so will the interest rates on the Stafford loans and the Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students. Adams said the rates are now variable, the rate on the Stafford loan being "around 5.0 percent," but will soon be fixed at 6.8 percent, and the rate will rise to 8.5 percent on the PLUS.

Adams met in a web conference with the U.S. Department of Education through the National Student Loan Program on Feb. 22 to discuss the effects of the proposal on NSU students.

According to the Department of Education's website, the budget proposal also asks for the recall of the federal portion of the Perkins Loan program, which estimates to $664 million. This is a far cry from last year's request to cancel the program.

The Perkins program is designed to combine both federal and school funds to create a loan for applicants to receive. This loan can be cancelled and the school participating reimbursed if the borrower takes a job in "certain public, military, or teaching service employment," according to the Department of Education's website. The money the school receives for these reimbursements goes back into the Perkins account at the institution in order to create new loan options.

The recall of the federal portion of this program is the course of action proposed by the administration while it works alongside Congress to decide the fate of the program itself, according to the department of education's website.

Adams said the Perkins program at NSU awards 125 students with up to $4,000 a year. However, she said that none of that money is federally contributed, so she was not sure whether NSU would be affected by the recall.

Unlike student loans, programs such as work-study assistance and Pell Grant limits will remain the same, though the Department of Education's website said that the budget will provide the Pell Grant to 60,000 more students nationwide.

Criminal Justice program hosts golf tournament

By David Dinsmore
Sauce Reporter

The Department of Criminal Justice will host a golf tournament March 11 in order to raise money for two scholarship programs.

According to a release by the department, the first-ever Frank C. Kyle & Glen Devanie Criminal Justice Memorial Scholarships golf tournament will be held at the Northwestern Hills Golf Course on Mar. 11, with tee off at 8 a.m. The tournament will be a two-person scramble

Entry forms can be found on the criminal justice department's website. These forms, along with the $50 entry fee need to be returned to Kyser Hall room 343C. Additional donations for the scholarship will also be accepted.

Shirley Snyder, assistant professor in the criminal justice department, said the tournament is designed to raise money for the Frank C. Kyle and Glen Devanie Criminal Justice Memorial scholarships, which will be awarded to three criminal justice majors for the 2006-2007 academic year.

A lunch will be provided at an awards ceremony after the tournament. Prizewinners will include the first-and second-place teams, one "closest to the hole" prize and one "longest drive" prize, according to the release.

Snyder said Frank C. Kyle was an assistant professor in the criminal justice department who died last year. This will be the first year a memorial scholarship for Kyle will be offered to criminal justice students.

Glen Devanie was a criminal justice major at NSU who died in the line of duty while working with the Alexandria City Marshals.

Snyder said the two memorial scholarships were made possible last year by donations from individuals and groups who wanted to honor the memory of Devanie and Kyle.

Each scholarship is worth $500 per academic year and students can only receive them one time according to the criminal justice website.

NSU students have access to new technology on campus

By Chris Reich
Sauce Reporter

Jennifer Long, coordinator of student technology, has the responsibility to ensure that students have access to new technology, which includes laptops, PDAs, digital projectors, digital cameras, digital video cameras and USB ZIP drives.

Long's office is located in Watson Library and is adjacent to the main student computer lab in the library. There are four Apple computers, each equipped for video editing, audio creation, DVD authoring, web design, graphics creation and photographic manipulation.

"We wanted to offer any student what they would need to do any type of project," explained Long.

"They're not the only ones that do that type of project. The educational technology students they have to do projects too. So we were trying to do everything that students may need overall, she said."

To check out any of the equipment, students must first fill out a three-page form. Students have seven days to use the equipment before they have to turn it back in by 10 a.m. on the seventh day.

After being late to turn the equipment in three times, the student's privilege is revoked.

The students also have to wait seven days between turning in the equipment and checking it out again, Long added.

The laptops are the equipment most used by students and are rarely checked in at the library for more than a day. The other equipment is used by students but is not in as high demand as the laptops. The PDAs spend the least amount of time checked out because by the time students are able to completely input their information, they have to return the PDAs, Long said.

The Apple systems were bought after a group of Creative and Performing Arts students came to request that the library install systems similar to the ones in the CAPA graphics lab. While installing the systems, the decision was made to install the video and web software as well said Long.

Long's department also handles the web space allotted for students.

Each student has 50 megabytes of storage space allotted for his or her use. Students can use the storage for anything that is school related, including presentations and papers, added Long.

The storage also doubles as web space for students to use for personal websites for class or for use as an online portfolio of that student's work.

The student technology fee that each student pays in the beginning of each semester pays for all the equipment. Students have final say on what their tech fees pay for, and all suggestions on other services to offer can be directed to Jennifer Long. The student tech fee is five dollars per credit hour, not to exceed one hundred dollars a semester.

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NSU tuition and fees to increase again

By Leigh Gentry
Sauce Reporter

The cost of attending NSU has changed over the years, and a brand new increase is already in the works.

Tuition is merely a sum of all kinds of fees. According to the NSU Office of Recruiting, last semester's fees for full-time, in-state students totaled $1,696.60 while out-of-state students paid $4,735.60.

These amounts included the registration fee of $1,528.60, the student insurance fee of $9.50, the student association fee of $133.50, and the health services fee of $25all of which are the same for both in-state and out-of-state students. The out-of-state fee is a whopping $3,039.

Another thing to consider is the cost of room and board.

Students are required to live on campus for a certain amount of time and buy a meal plan.

The costs of a double room and the highest meal plan combined were $1,875, but the cost of the dorms has increased for the spring semester of 2006.

Jennifer Kelly from Auxiliary Services said a double room increased from $1,025 in the fall to $1,239 this semester in order to cover the increase in gas and electricity bills after the Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

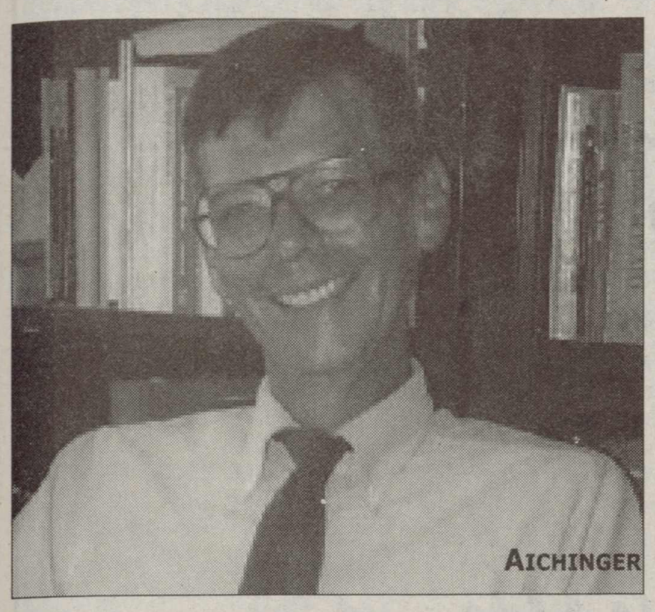
The cost of attending NSU with the costs of books, parking permit and application fee can add up to $3571.60 for students from Louisiana and $6610.60 for out-of-state students.

Janis Davis from the Office of Student Accounting & Cashiering said these costs have gradually increased over the years. There has been an overall dramatic change even since the mid-90's. Tuition for the fall semester of 1996 added up to $1,028.50, which grew by $60 for the next year due to an increase in the registration fee.

To attend NSU in the fall of 1998, an in-state student paid $1,103.50, then $1,159.50 in 1999. The new millennium brought higher costs along with it; students paid $1,316.30 in the fall of 2001 and $1,322.50. Fall 2003 cost $1,487.80, but tuition increased to $1,605.58 in 2004.

Tuition is not the only cost that has changed. The total for room and board in 1996 was $1,128. This increased by about $100 a year until reaching $1,838 a semester for in-state students in 2004. Seven hundred dollars in eight years is a huge difference to a college student.

NSU professor represents 'Project Vote Smart'


AICHINGER

By Kayla Brossett
Sauce Reporter

"Democracy is not easy, you have to take time to research."

That is what Alex Aichinger, professor of political science at Northwestern State University, said when asked about his position as one of two Louisiana representatives on the Project Vote Smart Key Advisory Board.

Project Vote Smart is a national non-partisan, non-profit organization that provides information to voters about candidates, elected officials and election issues.

Aichinger will focus more on Louisiana legislature in an attempt to educate voters on how to make informed decisions about the future of the state

"Research is valuable to the extent that the voters take what they have learned and use it for themselves," Aichinger said. "Project Vote Smart will try to list votes taken by legislators on key issues so that voters will be able to compare what members of the state legislature say to what they actually do."

Project Vote Smart would like to inform voters of what elected officials have done by providing unbiased and accurate information in five key categories: issue positions, voting records, biographical information, campaign finances and interest group ratings.

"A well informed voter is consistently a more effective voter," Aichinger said.

"The organization is worthwhile and it makes an effort to educate voters on what elected officials have actually done," said Aichinger.

The organization will be offering summer internships for college students with any major.

There will be no March 16th issue of the Current Sauce.

Look for the March 23rd issue on newsstands everywhere!

Annual Literary Rally brings high-schoolers to campus

By Kristen Alexander
Sauce Reporter

Saturday NSU will be administering the testing of 46 surrounding high schools as the Counseling and Career Services hosts the annual District Literary Rally.

Testing will begin at 9 a.m. and last until 12:20 p.m.

Director of Counseling and Career Services office, Rebecca Boone, said schools participating in the testing are students from surrounding high schools as well as one junior high school that will be competing for the first time.

Schools are separated into five divisions based on population.

Students are allowed to test in no more than two of the 49 areas that are offered and almost 4,000 tests are expected to be given out.

"This isn't something you plan for in just a couple of weeks, not only do the students have to prepare, but we here at the University also have to prepare," Boone said.

Testing will take place all over the campus with the administering done by NSU faculty and staff.

"It's a campus wide effort, a lot of people help out and we couldn't do it without the cooperation of everyone," Boone said.

Students who place high in their category win a medal. Students who place the highest qualify for the State Rally on April 22 at LSU.

There will be school team competitions in which schools can win a plaque, be chosen as a sweepstakes winner and also begin working toward available scholarships.

To qualify for the scholarships students have to meet certain criteria during high school, such as maintaining a 2.5 grade point average.

NSU is not the only university hosting a rally Saturday, five or six other universities and colleges in Louisiana will also be providing these services to high school students.

New Orleans usually provides these services every year but due to the hurricanes those students who would have normally enrolled at the University of New Orleans are now registered to test at South Eastern Louisiana University.

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Getting a taste of the world

from right here in Natchitoches...

By Katie Lopez
News Editor

From Chardonnay to Merlot NSU students along with Natchitoches residents enjoyed the many tastes of wines offered at the wine appreciation class held during the spring semester.

Lynn Woods, professor of hospitality mnagement and tourism, teaches the class and said the wine appreciation class is designed to help people have a better understanding of wine. Students in the class also learn how to pronounce names of wine, which foods to pair a wine with and learning how to read labels.

People also learn, when they take the class, about growing grapes to make wine. Such as in France only certain grapes can be grown in certain regions, whereas we can grow grapes anywhere in America, Woods said.

"The focus of the class is to compare the great wines of Europe against our U.S. wines and this year, in addition to French and American wines, we will also featured Australian wines," Woods said.

Woods said people who take the class also get to taste premiere wines, learn to appreciate wine and meet new people.

Adam Carter a senior hospitality management and tourism major said he took the wine appreciation class to have a better understanding of wine.

"I now have an understanding of how to drink wine and also understand the process of making it," Carter said.

To take the class students have to be 21 years of age and pay the $80.00 fee, that covers the five glasses of wine that each person gets to try during each session of the six week course.

Since alcohol is not allowed on campus the class is held at the Natchitoches Event Center located down Second Street. It begins on the last Thursday in January and continues for six weeks after that.

The wine appreciation class has concluded for the semester, but anyone interested in the class can apply in November to take part in the wine tasting experience.

"We usually have 10 NSU students and about 70 people from the town of Natchitoches that take the class. It feels up pretty quickly," Woods said.



Graphic by Larrie King/the Current Sauce

Students hoping to cure cancer one step at a time

By Kayla Brossett
Sauce Reporter

If someone can survive cancer we can walk 250 miles.

That is the philosophy for the participants in "Curing America One Step at a Time," a walk to raise money for the Natchitoches chapter of the American Cancer Society.

The members of the organization, a majority of which are NSU students, will walk from Natchitoches City Hall to Berwick, LA near Houma starting May 12. They have estimated that the trip will take about 9 days so they will be sleeping in churches and tents throughout the week.

Timothy Gattie, the public relations representative of the group, said, "Everyone has an experience with cancer whether it is directly or indirectly. It is the third leading cause of death in the U.S. and indiscriminate of whom it takes."

Patrons can make a donation for every mile that they walk and all funds will be given directly to the American Cancer Society here in Natchitoches. The organization will also need donations of water and supplies for their actual trip.

Jeremiah McMillan, co-founder of the organization said, "Everyone that is participating has had a personal experience with cancer. The American Cancer Association eases the financial obligations of a cancer patient and continues to search for a cure, so we would like to do whatever we can to support their endeavors."

The organization is also compiling a list of names including survivors and victims of the disease. They will conduct a candlelight prayer vigil every night that they stp.

For information about how you can participate in the upcoming walk, add a name to the list of survivors and victims or donate money and supplies, contact Jeremiah McMillan at (210) 232-1835 or Timothy Gattie at (318) 663-2461.

There is also a club on Facebook.com dedicated to the organization where students can learn more about the American Cancer Society or get in touch with the members.



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Review: 'Ain't I a Woman' helps students celebrate women of color



Teranda Donatto/the Current Sauce

Liz Mikal and the core ensemeble performed in "Ain't I a Woman" on Tuesday. The show celebrated significant changes made in history by African-American women

By Lacie Jackson
Sauce Reporter

"Ain't I a Woman," a play presented by the NSU Diversity University Committee was a triumph. Over 250 NSU students, faculty, and members of the community filled the A.A. Fredericks Center on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. to celebrate the lives and times of four African-American women: Sojourner Truth, Zora Neale Hurston, Clementine Hunter, and Fannie Lou Hamer.

"Ain't I a Woman" honors these women of remarkable achievement.

The play honors these women by drawing attention to specific choices and decisions in their lives. The play demonstrates how each woman overcame personal or political challenges and was able to achieve astonishing goals living in an American society often unfriendly to social tolerance and acceptance.

The musical score that unifies the piece is drawn from the heartfelt spirituals and blues of the Deep South, the Jazz Age, and contemporary concert music as well.

Dorcas Brandon, a senior education major. said, "It's great to have a play like this come to our campus.

The music was nice, and I could really identify with the characters in the play."

Solo actress Elizabeth Mikel performed comical portrayals of all four African-American pioneers. Mikel has appeared on stages at The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, The Dallas Repertory Theater, and The Dallas Theater Center, among others. She has also appeared in the independent films "In the Water" and "78."

"I'd rather take to the stage," said Mikel, "It's my first home."

Mikel has been performing since age six when she trained in dance under Ann Williams, the founder of the Dallas Black Dance Theater.

Akin Babatunde, the director the play, was present and said, "Liz has a unique gift for capturing her audience, which is a grand gift for a human being to have."

"Ain't I a Woman," was named after a speech written by Sojourner Truth in 1851 and has been performed internationally.

Mardi Gras in New Orleans turns out better than expected

By Andi Bass
Sauce Reporter

Overflowing trash bins, staggering drunks, fanciful floats and laughter filled the streets of New Orleans this past week during the 150th celebration of Mardi Gras.

On average one million people attend Mardi Gras annually; however, this year that number was down to 350,000, according to a report by Rukmini Callimachi in the *Washington Times*.

This may be in part because this year only 15,000 rather than 38,000 hotel rooms were available for tourist occupancy. Some NSU students who attended the celebration avoided the trouble of finding hotel rooms by staying with friends.

Evan McCormick, a senior business administration major, stayed at a friends house in the city.

"It was definitely smaller [than the one two years ago], but there was a lot better turnout than I though there would be," he said of this year's celebration.

The city has received some criticism regarding whether the $2.7 million put into the festivities was well spent when the city is already $120 million in debt, and there are still nearly 200,00ʊ hurricane victims unable to return to their homes, according Matt Davis of BBC News.

Freshman psychology major and New Orleans native Lauren Langenstein believes that the festival still needed to be held.

"It was a great idea to have Mardi Gras," she said. "It brought attention to the city as well as tourist dollars."

Although revenue totals are not yet available, McCormick noted that "they should have had it. It let everyone know the city was still there, and it was a good opportunity for the business in the area."

McCormick said signs of the hurricane were hard to find in the area.

"In the French Quarter, it hardly looks like anything happened," McCormick said.

Reminders of the of the devastation caused nearly six months ago were never far away, though.

McCormick said some of the parades had Federal Emergency Management Agency-themed floats. There is still massive devastation in the Ninth Ward and the marina area which he and his friends toured.

The city and its residents must now return to the difficult job of rebuilding a ravaged city but Mardi Gras was a throwback to old times for many, even if for only a week.

"We needed a break, we needed to have fun for a few days," Langenstein said..



Andi Bass/the Current Sauce
Mardi Gras in New Orleans was expected to have a lower attendance then years before due to the destruction of Hurricane Katrina.

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Fashionable Focus

Ever had to take a really important trip to a big city and not know what to pack?

I'm having that problem right now: deciding what to bring for my upcoming trip to New York City.

There are so many things to consider when packing for a huge trip like this. I don't want look like a complete hick while strutting the streets of Manhattan, but I don't want to end up back in my hotel with feet that are killing me or shoulders with icicles on them.

I'm hoping to do a lot of sight seeing and going to a lot of trendy places while in the city, so there are lots of options in wardrobe that I need to consider.

Are you planning a trip soon? Take some of these things into consideration when deciding what to bring with you on your excursion outside of Natchitoches:

The Weather

Duh. This is a given. When planning a trip, it is always wise to check the 10-day forecast of your arrival city before you leave. If it's snowing, you'll want to pack lots of warm things. But remember, the thing to staying warm is sticking with layers. Don't bring a bunch of tank tops and one big heavy jacket and think you're going to be OK. If you really want to stay stylish and warm at the same time, bring a tank as an undershirt, a sweater, maybe a fleece or puffy vest and a warm coat. You'll also want to bring some extreme moisturizing lotion—cold, northern weather can get quite dry, so staying dewy and supple is important if you don't want chapped skin. Think about bringing some sort of headwear, too—either a baseball cap, a beanie or an earband—keeping your head warm is important!

If you are traveling somewhere warm, obviously there will be a difference in wardrobes. Things you'll want to consider bringing might be a swimsuit, shorts, tank tops or T-shirts, and lots of sunscreen. Also think about bringing a little tote bag with you so you can carry a pair of flip-flops and sunscreen wherever you go.

Your Plans

Another big issue to consider when packing is your plan for daily activities.

Are you going to be doing a lot of walking? Bring some comfortable tennis with you.

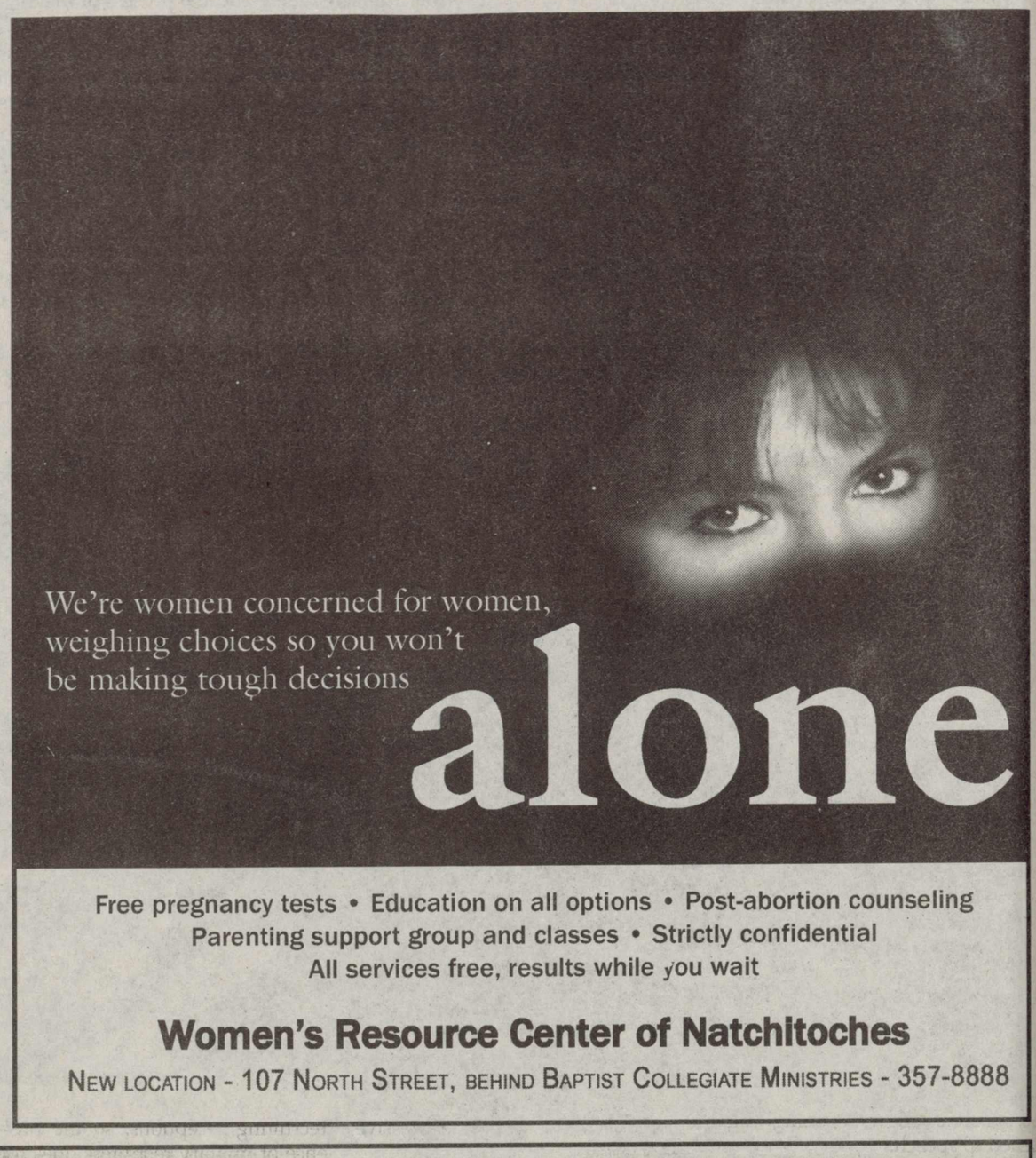
Skiing? You'll want some water-resistant snowpants, some warm ski gloves, and a mask that fits your face.

The mask thing goes double if you are going to somewhere tropical. I know from personal experience—I've been snorkeling and scuba diving for years, and having a mask that fits your face properly is important—otherwise it'll leak around your eyes, and ruin your underwater experience.

Doing some hiking? Pack a pair of really good hiking boots, some bug repellant and a little mini backpack to carry a bottle of water and an energy bar in.

There are probably some other things you'll need to consider before going on big trip like what you plan on buying when you get there, the places you'll want to go eat dinner, or plans you'll make for nighttime. I know that packing for NYC is going to be a big task for me, considering I like to pack like like a Banchee moving to Tibet!

I guess it's off to pack for the Big Apple now!



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Supreme Court to law schools: open sesame



By Willim Housel
Sociology Professor

On Monday, the United States Supreme Court overturned a decision by a lower court in the First Amendment case Rumsfeld v. Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights (FAIR), 04-1152.

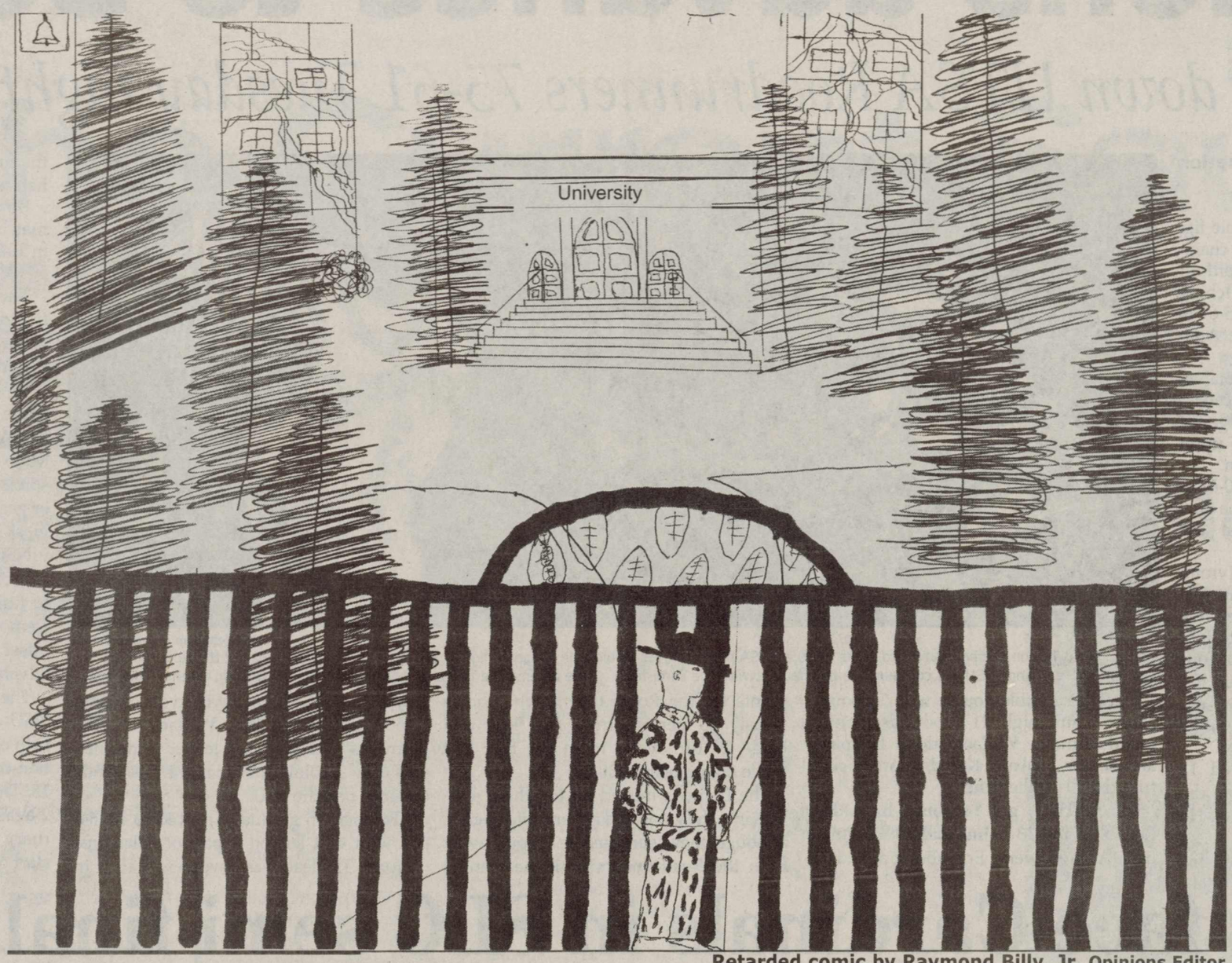
FAIR, representing a consortium of law schools, wanted to challenge a law called the Solomon Amendment, which requires universities getting federal money to grant military recruiters access that is equal to any other recruiters on campus.

The schools, having a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, said that associating their schools with the military, which has a policy excluding gays from military service, infringed on their First Amendment right to freedom of association.

FAIR's case was based on four legal precedents.

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Retarded comic by Raymond Billy, Jr, Opinions Editor

Wooley v. Maynard was another free speech case in which a Jehovah's Witness objected to the state's motto on his license plate, since it violated his religious beliefs.

The Supreme Court ruled that no such violation occurred in this case because no one was being compelled to speech.

The court also found that the Solomon Amendment does not force the schools to "accept members they do not desire," which did occur in Boy Scouts of America v. Dale, another case dealing with freedom of association. The scouts argued that forcing the group to accept a gay Scoutmaster violated their right to freedom of association.

The members of the court, regarding Monday's court rulling, said "recruiters are, by definition, outsiders who come onto campus for the limited purpose of trying to hire students — not to become members of the school's expressive association."

The court found that allowing military recruiters on campus does not mean that the schools agree with their standards, and Solomon does not prevent schools from protesting military policies even as the recruits are on campus.

The fourth case FAIR tried to use as legal precedent was Hurley v. Irish-American Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Group of Boston, Inc. In that case, there was a clear interference with the speaker's ability to deliver his message.

The court found that the schools themselves are not speaking during recruiting receptions, so the presence of military recruiters does not interfere with the school's ability protest military policy.

The court's decision in this case was correct. The Solomon Amendment offers a quid pro quo, something for something. Colleges and universities in the United States receive about $35 billion yearly from the federal government, it seems hypocritical to take someone's money and then deny them access for recruiting purposes.

Allowing military access for recruiting does not commit the schools to anything beyond that, and does not associate them with the military.

While it is laudable that the schools do not discriminate on basis of sexual preference, "don't ask, don't tell" has been upheld in the past, and individually no one is forced to associate with the recruiters if they choose not to.

The government sees the presence of military recruiters in this case as a matter of national security: recruiters need to be able to do their job if we are to maintain our military. The reasoning behind "don't ask, don't tell" has been found reasonable, even if some don't agree with this government policy.

The law schools can certainly feel free to disagree with the policy without restriction, which leaves the final decision up to the students themselves.

For more on this case, as well as other Supreme Court cases on the Cornell Law School web site at http://supct.law.cornell.edu/supct/index.html.

why words are phuny



By Aaron Pizani
Sauce Columnist

It was brought to my attention that I may have made a hypocritical comment in my article on racism. When I said, referring to my hypothetical business called "Pizani-moto's," that anything sounds Japanese when you put "moto" after it, I certainly did not have the intention of making fun of Japanese people.

It is absolutely below me to make racist comments. However, I don't apologize for the comment because I was not making fun of Japanese people: I was making fun of the language. Language, any language, is funny to me.

After struggling the last six years to learn the Japanese language, I realized how crazy it is. Most of all, I realized how crazy English is, too.

How humans put together a string of sounds in a certain way, attach meaning to them, and then attach feeling to them, I have no idea. We just do it, and it comes naturally.

While studying another language, and learning more about my own, I can't help but thank God that I grew up speaking English, because it has got to be the most insane language on the planet. All the evidence I need to present to you is this: "tough," "rough," "enough," "through," and "weigh."

Apparently, through the developing history of our language, the letters "g" and "h" felt like they weren't getting enough action. So, they butted into words they weren't even needed in.

"Apparently, through the developing history of our language, the letters "g" and "h" felt like they weren"t getting enough action"

And there they rest, high (there's another one) and mighty (another one??), basking in the torment they cause elementary school children.

Learning a second language can be very humbling.

Suppose you were somehow dropped into the middle of China, Thailand, Egypt or Greece. You, my articulate friend with a vocabulary that could rival the dictionary, would be considered illiterate. Can you read Greek? Then you can't read in Greece, can you?

In other countries where English is spoken you might be literate, but would they think you were deaf? "Huh? What did you say?"

Once, in high school, I attended the birthday party of a Chinese exchange student who had invited other exchange students. Here I am in the middle of Smalltown, Louisiana and ironically I was the only American in the building.

My new Chinese, Japanese and German friends at the party had thick accents, but I could understand them pretty well.

Then I met a girl from New Zealand. Although she spoke English, I was never able to understand a word she said.

There was nothing wrong with her English. In New Zealand they understand her perfectly. But my American ears were working overtime, trying to understand the different pronunciations and accents she used for the same words that I use everyday.

I believe it says something about the human spirit when there is such a diversity of languages, and such diversity within the same language that we all get along as well as we do. I think a lot of that comes from the fact that all of us understand how funny language can be. I say "tomato-moto" you say "potato-moto."

Aaron Pizani is a history major

Aaron's back for more laughs



By Aaron Pizani
Sauce Columnist

I don't mean to bum you out, but I want to talk about death. It's an important subject because it pertains to all of us. Scientific studies have shown that you're probably going to die. You could drop dead at any moment of any day. Be afraid. Be very afraid.

I'm just joking. Don't be afraid. In fact, you might as well just get over it now because death is inevitable. I don't mean to freak you out, but death is pretty funny to me. Not necessarily the death itself, but how people react to it.

I believe in an afterlife. Most people do. But then death, along with public speaking, is the biggest fear among Americans. That seems weird to me.

Let's take the Freaky Train down to Morbid-ville for a minute. Here are a couple of scenarios on how I want to die. Yes, I've put that much thought into it.

Death by joke: I want to hear a joke that makes me laugh so hard I suffocate on it. I want to bend over in laughter and then keel over dead. I would love it if my life's only purpose was to seek out that one joke that was so funny it killed me.

"I can imagine that people would say, "Man, that Aaron Pizani. You know, he almost suffocated on a joke one time, and then someone tried to assassinate him. He still wouldn't die. It took a giant rock from space to finally take him out. The universe killed him."'

Death by assassination: I want to be an imposing force on the world. We all want to feel like we're important, but I want to be killed for it. I want to make sure my life is like a force of nature on the planet, and someone has to kill me to get me out of the way.

Death by meteor impact: That's my number one way to go. I'm hoping and praying that there is a massive piece of space rock out there with my name on it. I obviously don't want anyone else to get hurt, so let's just say a few decades from now I'll be wandering around a field outside of civilization somewhere and then BAM!

Literally out with a bang. It's the best way to go. There is no mess except for the meteor. No fuss. No pain, and no cost for cremation. And I'm sure to make it on the news.

I can imagine that people would say, "Man, that Aaron Pizani. You know, he almost suffocated on a joke one time, and then someone tried to assassinate him. He still wouldn't die. It took a giant rock from space to finally take him out. The universe killed him."

I should note that I also believe God has a sense of humor, no matter how much I knock on wood. So, if after this article is published, you hear a loud explosion somewhere outside of town, you'll know what happened.

Thinking about death can teach you a lot about life. For instance, I'm not scared of public speaking, and I'm obviously not scared of death. So what else is there to be afraid of? Spiders?

Things like worrying, anger and anxiousness just seem kind of useless. I always ask myself in any situation, "What's the worst that could happen?" If it isn't going to kill you, what is there to worry about?

So you get rejected. You look stupid. Maybe you completely embarrass yourself. You'll still be breathing and walking around, so what's the problem? A while ago I just decided to get really good at embarrassing myself. I know that sometimes I'm really stupid, so why try to hide it?

But, really, this article isn't about death. It's about life. To sum it all up bluntly: you better enjoy every bit of the ride because at the end of it, you die. I want my epitaph to say "He lived life so hard he broke it."

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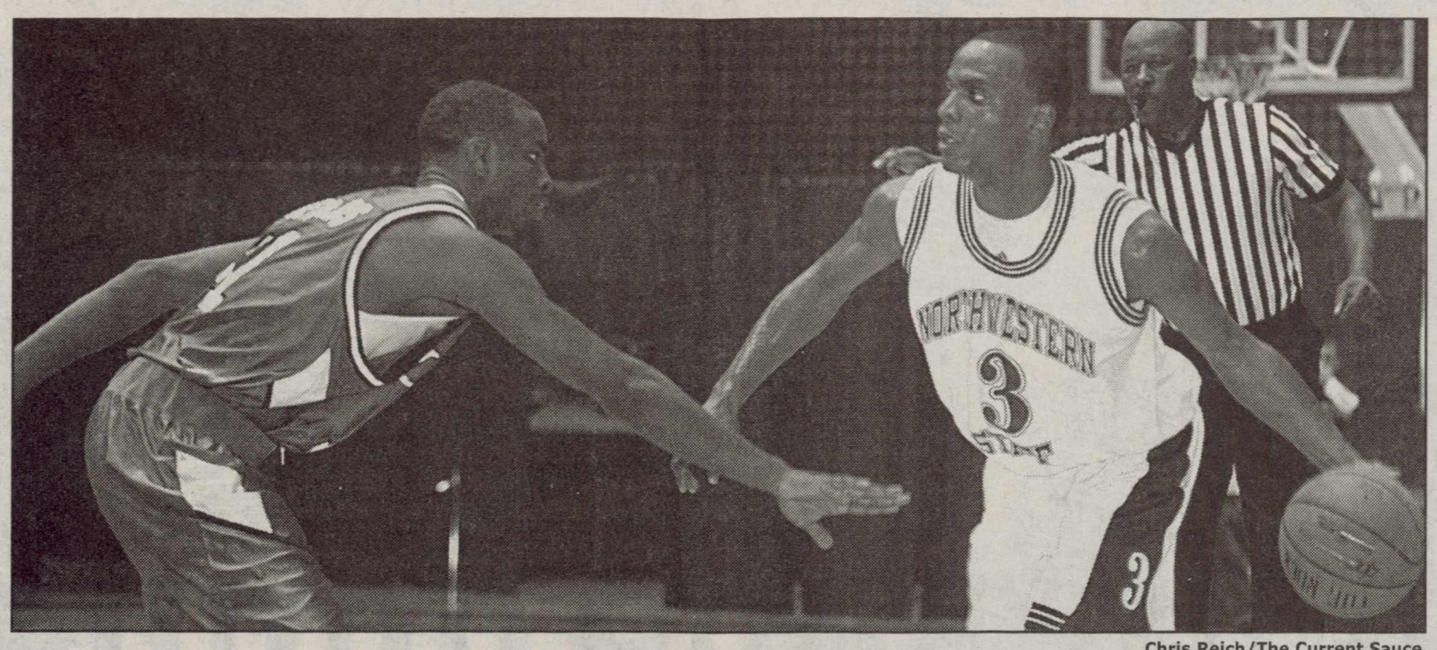
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Demons advance to Semis

NSU takes down UTSA Roadrunners 75-61 Tuesday night in Prather

Courtesy of Sports Information



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Senior guard Tyronn Mitchell moves to score while a UTSA player moves to block in Tuesday night's SLC game. The game against the Roadrunners was the SLC opening; NSU will continue the tournament with the semi-finals game against the Lamar Cardinals tonight at 7 p.m. in Prather Coliseum.

With five players scoring in double figures, SLC regular-season basketball champion NSU tied its single-season record for wins Tuesday night by dispatching eighth-seeded Texas-San Antonio 75-61 in the quarterfinals of the O'Reilly Auto Parts SLC Tournament.

NSU, 23-7, matching the win total of three other Demons teams, advanced to Thursday's 7 p.m. semifinal round against sixth-seeded Lamar, 17-13, a 68-65 upset winner at third-seeded Southeastern.

The Demons beat the Cardinals 80-67 in Natchitoches two weeks earlier in the only regular-season matchup between the schools.

The Demons' senior point guard Tyronn Mitchell scored a team-high 14 points and the school' career steals leader added five to his record total. He sank six of eight shots from the floor and handed out four assists as 2,930 fans in Prather Coliseum watched NSU move to 12-0 this year and 27-2 over the past two seasons on its homecourt.

Senior center Byron Allen added 13 points, making five of six shots from the floor and three of four on free throws. He also grabbed six rebounds.

Senior forward Clifton Lee posted his 13th career double-double with 13 points and a game-high 11 rebounds. Senior guard Jermaine Wallace added 11 points and senior forward Kerwin Forges contributed 10 off the bench.

UTSA, 11-17, got 14 points by Aldric Reynolds and 13 points and 10 rebounds from Andre Owens. Eric Young added 10 points for the Roadrunners, who shot a measly 33 percent from the floor and made 20 turnovers, 14 in the first half while falling behind 30-24.

The Demons moved on top three minutes into the game and never trailed again, although they were unable to pull away from the Roadrunners until the waning minutes. UTSA drew within 52-51 with 8:55 remaining, but Wallace — the Demons' career 3-point leader — drained his only 3-pointer of the night 11 seconds later to pad the lead.

The margin gradually moved to 10, 64-54 with 4:14 left on a pair of Allen free throws. The lead was never less than 11 in the final 3:17 and was as big as 16 with a half-minute remaining.

By posting their 23rd win, the Demons matched the total recorded by NSUteams in 1948-49 (23-5), 1953-54 (23-9) and 1959-60 (23-5).

The teams met for the second time in five days. They ended the regular season Friday in San Antonio with the Demons posting an 85-64 victory.

"We knew it would be a hard-fought game because that's just how competitive UTSA is," said seventh-year NSU coach Mike McConathy. "That's what postseason is about. Everybody is finding another gear because the prize at the end of the week is an NCAA Tournament berth."

NSU's hot 50 percent in the second half, overcoming a 39 percent first half showing to finish at 45 percent for the game. The Demons made only 12 turnovers, helping offset the Roadrunners 50-38 rebounding advantage.

The win was the thirteenth straight for NSU over conference opponents and its fifth consecutive win overall since a 66-63 non-conference loss at Utah State on Feb. 18. The Demons upped their record to 26-2 against SLC opposition since early February of last season, and 31-5 since the start of last year.

Demons face Cardinals in SLC semi-final tonight

Courtesy of Sports Information

The two highest scoring teams in the SLC collide in a high stakes matchup tonight at Prather Coliseum as regular-season champion NSU plays host to an explosive Lamar team in the semifinals of the O'Reilly Auto Parts SLC Basketball Tournament.

Tipoff is 7 p.m. in Prather Coliseum, where the Demons, 23-7, are 12-0 this season and 27-2 since the beginning of last year. The Cardinals, 17-13, are 1-2 at NSU in that span, winning in their regular season visit last year but losing 90-75 in the semifinals of last year's tournament and falling 80-67 two weeks ago in the only meeting this season.

NSU dispatched Texas-San Antonio 75-61 Tuesday in the tournament quarterfinals. Lamar posted a 68-65 road win at third-seeded Southeastern in its quarterfinal contest.

Thursday's winner reaches Sunday's championship game, which carries an automatic NCAA Tournament berth as a reward. The top-seeded Demons will host if they advance.

The sixth-seeded Cardinals would travel to the survivor of the other semifinal, which sends fourth-seeded Stephen F. Austin, 17-11, to second-seeded Sam Houston State, 21-8.

"It's an exciting opportunity for us," said Head Coach Mike McConathy, whose team has won five straight games and owns a 13-game winning streak over SLC opposition.

"Our players have been working for a year now to get back into this position and they've taken a great approach with an unselfish style of play, giving great effort. That's what it will take to make the next step and win Thursday night."

NSU has averaged 81 points per game in its last 11 games while Lamar ranks eleventh nationally in scoring this season with an 81-point average.

Cardinal senior forward Alan Daniels is tenth nationally with his 23-point scoring average, including 26 Tuesday night at SLU.

The Demons have averaged 86 points to 79 for the Cardinals in the last four NSU-Lamar games since the start of last season.

"This is always an intense matchup with a fast pace and lots of scoring," said McConathy. "When you take the floor against a Lamar team, you'd better play a very good brand of defense to give yourself a chance to win and that's got to be our main focus again this time."

NSU had five players score in double figures Tuesday against UTSA, including senior forward Clifton Lee, who posted his thirteenth career double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds. He is the only Demon averaging double-digit scoring, 14.0, and also tops the team with his 6.4 rebounding average.

Ten different Demons have led the team in scoring at least once this season. Senior guard Jermaine Wallace, with 16 points, topped four double-figure producers for NSU in their Feb. 23 win over Lamar.

"Our depth is our greatest asset. We know we have many guys who can step up and be very productive for us on any given night," said McConathy, "and their ability to pressure the basketball defensively leads to some good things for us."

NSU is aiming for its fourth SLC tournament championship game appearance in McConathy's seven seasons as coach.

The Demons can set a single-season record for wins in a season. Three previous teams at Northwestern, the last in 1959-60, have notched 23 wins.

Lady Demons Softball

Dates and times of remaining home games

- **Mar. 11** - Texas San-Antonio, 1 p.m.
- **Mar. 11** - Texas San-Antonio, 3 p.m.
- **Mar. 12** - Texas San-Antonio, 11 a.m.
- **Mar. 18** - Texas-Arlington, 1 p.m.
- **Mar. 18** - Texas-Arlington, 3 p.m.
- **Mar. 19** - Texas-Arlington, 1 p.m.
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- **Apr. 23** - Southeastern La., 1 p.m.
- **Apr. 24** - Northern Colorado, 9:30 a.m.
- **Apr. 24** - Northern Colorado, 11:30 a.m.

Source: www.nsudemons.com

Lady Demons will face UTSA Saturday at I p.m.

By Jamie Broussard
Sauce Reporter

Coming off an 11-day road trip where they were shut out twice by ULL's Lady Cajuns, the Lady Demon softball team will face the University of Texas San Antonio Saturday in a three game home series.

The Demon's double-header will begin at 1p.m on Saturday, and a third game will follow on Sunday at 11a.m.

The Demon's record is 11-14, and they are hoping to sweep all three games in the SLC series against UTSA.

Head Coach Becky McMurty said, "Coming into each conference series that we go into, we are going into it to win, and not just win one or two, but sweep all three games."

The demons are confident that they can handle the UTSA team.

"We have a really good chance at winning this weekend," said Sophomore Shira Walker. "UTSA doesn't have anything we can't handle. If we play like we know how, then we will finish this weekend with a sweep."

Walker thinks that team morale plays a major role in winning ball games.

"We need to come together as a team and play for each other. You know that saying, that 'there is no I in team', it's true. If we can't play as a team, we can't win ball games," she said.

"Another thing we need to do is play up to our level every game no matter whom we play. We need to be more consistent. We are a great team. If we learn to play as a team and play like we know how, we will definitely take conference, and more," Walker added.

McMurtry wants to focus on the teams pitching for the upcoming game against UTSA.

"Our pitching is going to have to be on, and pitchers are going to have to hit their spot, and make their ball move," she said.

The Demons also need to score more runners.

"Our hitting is going to have to come through in crucial situations; when we have runners on, we are going to need to score them, and get it done," McMurtry said.

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Demons come up short at relays

By Leigh Gentry
Sauce Reporter

NSU's track and field team competed in the LSU Last Chance Relays on March 3 hoping to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships in Fayetteville, Arkansas on Friday and Saturday.

Five members of the Demon track and field team competed in the high jump, the 400-meter run and the 60-meter dash.

Derrion Harris, a senior from Benton, competed for the Demons in the high jump. Senior Marcus Pitre from Houston, raced in the 400 , the equivalent of one lap around the track.

Sophomore Ravyn Hayward, from Tyler, Texas; senior TaMeshia Miller from Dibdoll, Texas; and Sophomore Shanae Steward from Bossier City also competed in the 60.

Demons had to beat either the automatic qualifiiying or provisional marks or times in order to compete in the Indoor Championships in March. The automatic qualifying mark for the high jump was seven feet seven inches, and the provisional mark seven feet one and a half inches; Harris took fourth place with his jump of six feet four inches.

Pitre placed second with his time of 49.25 seconds for the 400, but the automatic qualifying time was 46.45 seconds and the provisional time 47.65 seconds.

Hayward finished in sixth in the 60 with his time of 7.06seconds and did not beat the automatic qualifying time of 6.62 seconds or the provisional time of 6.72 seconds.

Miller's time of 8.64 seconds in the 60 guaranteed her fifth place, and Steward received sixth in this event with her time of 8.43 seconds.

The Demons did not qualify and will not be competing in March. The team is coached by Head Coach Leon Johnson and Assistant Coaches Mike Heimerman, Amanda Vincent, and Stephen Goff.

Demons defeat LA College 10-7 Tuesday in Pineville

NSU prepares to face Texas-Arlington in the first SLC game of the season

Courtesy of Sports Information

The NSU Demons made it three-in-a-row away from home on Tuesday, defeating Louisiana College, 10-7, in Pineville.

The win improves the Demons to 10-6 on the year while Louisiana College falls to 7-8. NSU will continue its nine-game road trek on Friday when it opens defense of its SLC championship at Texas-Arlington.

"We did a good job offensively getting up on them (LC) pretty quickly," said NSU Head Coach Mitch Gaspard.

The Demons totaled 12 hits with the 2-through-5 hitters going 9-for-17 with six runs scored and six RBIs.

Brandon Morgan when 3-for-4 with two runs scored, a triple and an RBI while Marty Dewees, Miles Durham and Bobby Barbier each had two hits.

Barbier led the team with four runs batted in while Michael Flower hit the only home run of the game, his third of the season.

"We're doing a lot better offensively from top to bottom," said Gaspard. "We're getting the key hits when we need them and moving some runners."

Robby Madsen, 1-0, picked up his first win of the season in 2.1 innings of relief while Dereck Cloeren picked up his fourth save – third straight – of the season after throwing the ninth inning giving up one hit with two strikeouts.

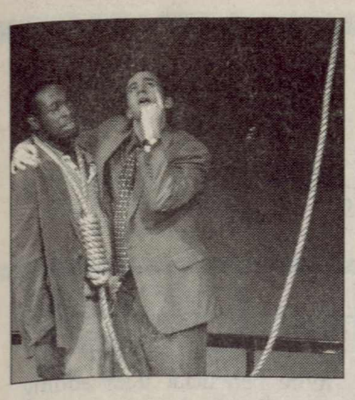
The Demons took a quick 3-0 lead in the first when Dewees and Morgan got back-to-back one out hits and Durham loaded the bases after being hit by a pitch.

Barbier drove in two runs with a double and Knox McCorquodale drove in the third run with a sacrifice fly.

LC scored one in the bottom of the first to make it 3-1 but the Demons came back with three more in the top of the second on RBI singles from Morgan, Durham and Scott Pittenger to make it 6-1.

After a scoreless third inning, LC cut the gap to 6-4 with three runs in the fourth. The Demons responded with three runs in the fifth to go up 9-4. The rally was sparked by Flower's two-run homer.

NSU went up 10-4 with a run in the seventh before LC scored three in the bottom of the inning to make it 10-7.



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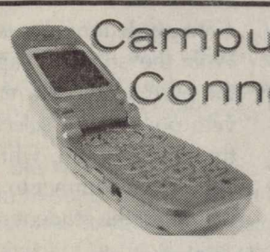
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The Current Sauce welcomes submissions for **Campus Connections**, a free service to organizations planning events that will be open to NSU students.

Bring **Connections** to **Kyser 225G**, or e-mail them to **thecurrentsauce@gmail.com**. Please include a name and telephone number. We reserve the right to refuse any **Connection**.

SGA updates

The Student Government Association will host two sign language classes next week.

The first will be March 21 at 5 p.m. in Room 320 of Friedman Student Union

The second will be March 22 at 5 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Union.

SGA Senators will be visiting Sabine Hall on March 21 at 6 p.m. to discuss proposed fee increases.

They will also be available at noon on March 22 in Vic's n the Student Union.

Elections will be held March 29 and 30 in the Student Union lobby.

The next SGA Ballroom Meeting will be on April 3 at 7 p.m.

SGA meetings are open to the public and are held every Monday at 7 p.m. in the Cane River Room of the Student Union.

New Orleans library calls for books

The New Orleans Public Library is asking for new and used hardcover and paperback books for people of all ages in an effort to restock he shelves after Hurricane Katrina.

The staff will asses which titles will be designated for its collections. The rest will be distributed to destitute families or sold for library fundraising.

Anyone wishing to contribute may send books to:

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The library's web page is http://nutrias.org.

Phi Mu Bandstand

NSU's Kappa Iota chapter of Phi Mu will host its third annual "Rockin' on the River" Bandstand March 25 from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the Natchitoches Riverfront Stage on Cane River.

There will be a $5 entrance donation, which will allow entrance to the event for the entire day.

There will be music, a professional clown and door prizes and giveaways throughout the day.

Featured bands for the event include Ryan Guidry, CND, Wicked Faith, BCM Praise Band, The Entertainers, King's Fall and The Front Street Project.

The fundraiser is for their national philanthropy, the Children's Miracle Network, and all donations will benefit the Network of St. Francis Cabrini in Alexandria.

Senior Art Exhibition

The first exhibition of new paintings by Leslee Toney will open in the Closet Gallery of the Creative & Performing Arts building on March 27 and will run until March 31.

Innovative works by Leslee Toney will go on view at the Closet Gallery on March 27th. "Whispers (silent psalms of lasting truths)". The exhibition, which will include approximately 10 pieces, which consist of windows, illuminated stained glass, and other mixed media.

Toney's works celebrates the union of the ordinary and the extraordinary.

Toney currently serves as the student adviser of NSU's Student Art Society.

Demon basketball makes history at NCAA tournament

By David West
News Bureau

The NSU Demons captured the heart of the nation with their 64-63 win over Iowa last Friday.

Three days of national exposure on CBS, ESPN, the Internet and in major newspapers helped expose millions to the university and the community.

"The win over Iowa was a shining moment for our basketball team and all those who care about Northwestern," NSU President Randall Webb said. "The coaches and players have worked hard to become one of the best teams in the country. During that time in the spotlight, they were exemplary role models who made us all proud."

The success on the basketball court could help all areas of the university.

"The win was perfect timing in terms of helping recruit students," Director of University Recruiting Jana Lucky said. "For many students, decision time is in March and April. We have seen the number of inquiries double in the days after the Tournament. Not only was the win helpful, but the way the team members conducted themselves on and off the court let the nation know the kind of people we have at Northwestern."

Positive reaction from the win began happening as soon as senior Jermaine Wallace made the game-winning three-point shot.

"Right away, the phone began ringing. People heard about Natchitoches and wanted to find out more about the city and the area," said Iris Harper, executive director of the Natchitoches Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. "The kind of exposure Natchitoches and Northwestern received is invaluable. There's no question that this will lead more visitors to Natchitoches."

Alumni, many of whom may not have visited the campus in years, began sending e-mails and calling the university soon after the victory.

"I have received an unbelievable number of phone calls and e-mails from all over the country about the game," Director of Alumni and Development Chris Maggio said. "An alumnus in Iowa let me know that they were glad to be wearing purple in a sea of gold and black.

"Our alumni are so proud of what the basketball team accomplished. They enjoyed being able to see it on television or reading about it in their local paper, then being able to say 'That's where I went to school,'" he said.

Maggio said the win could help the university reach and exceed its capital campaign goal of $18.84 million.

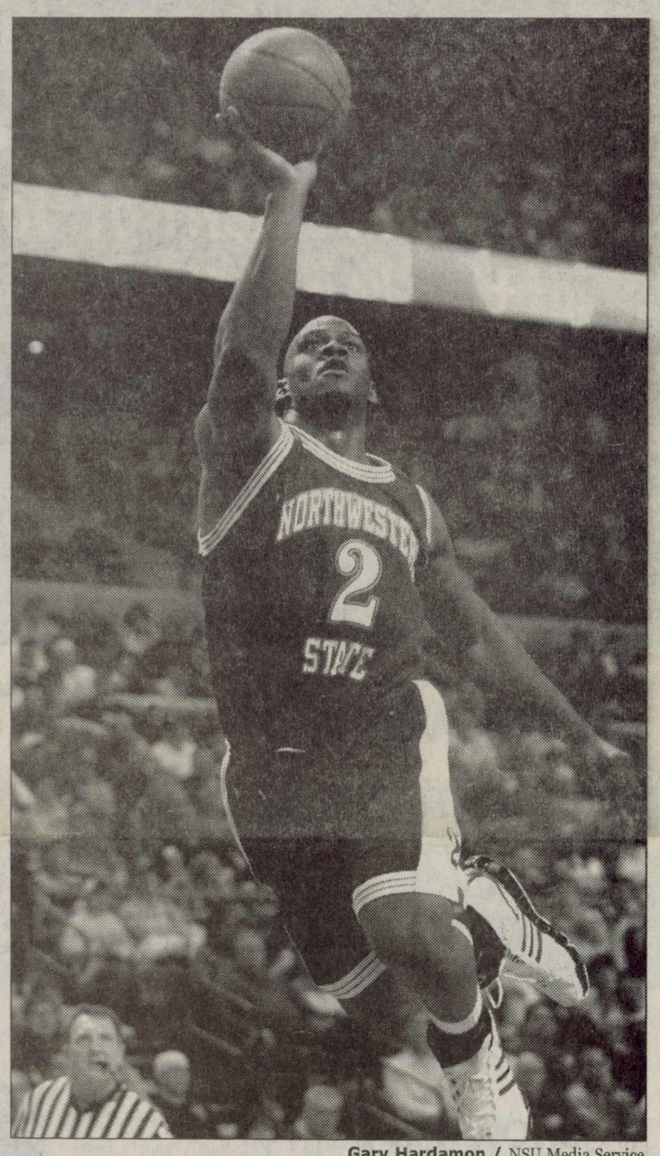
"Because of the excitement, people want to help," he said. "This event is something that is bigger than just basketball. It spills over to the entire university."

Despite all that success, the team never forgot its roots. NSU's down-to earth style made a lasting impression on the media that covered the NCAA Tournament.

"Northwestern State is the kind of team that is refreshing in a tournament sometimes dominated by worldly players and polished coaches," Joe LaPointe said in the New York Times.

The paper also noted that several Demons avoided talking about themselves during press conferences and asked people to remember those in the region who had been impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

"The whole world was able to see what we already knew. We are fortunate to have a great coach in Mike McConathy and the kind of players we have," Maggio said. "In this fast-paced world, we saw that regular people who are nice can have success."



Gary Hardamon / NSU Media Service

Senior center Byron Allen makes a shot at last Sunday's NCAA game against the West Virginia Mountaineers. Allen has started in all 32 games this season and has been the team's top rebounder three times.

Patriot Act debated at NSU

By Jim Mustian
Sauce Reporter

The question of how much liberty, if any, is jeopardized by escalated national security in a post-Sept. 11 world may still be up in the air—but a debate held recently at NSU offered a few different perspectives and possible solutions.

Domestic spying, torture and other issues related to the newly reauthorized Patriot Act capitalized discussion March 15 in the A.A. Fredericks Center for Creative and Performing Arts.

Speaking before a less than capacity crowd, Colorado Gov. Bill Owens and the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, Anthony Romero, respectfully disagreed as to how much authority the government should have in its effort to punish terrorists while protecting the country from further attacks.

Romero said the Patriot Act has created an imbalance in the government that exposes "ordinary people" to the risk of having executive powers used against them.

He called instead for a stricter following of "the rules of the road," referring to the tendency he said the government has of obtaining personal documents and issuing wiretaps with little to no judicial overview.

Owens, however, argued that the Act has undergone a fair system of checks and balances.

He pointed to Congress' approval of the legislation and said that—aside from a few "nuanced parts" being changed—it has been upheld by the courts.

The vast majority of the Act, he said, has not been questioned because "it's common sense."

"I'm glad that the United States is listening in when Al-Qaeda calls its friends in the United States," he said.

Owens said the Patriot Act has simply modernized law enforcement and permitted the government to apply techniques it has used for "decades against organized crime and the drug cartel."

But Romero said the techniques being used are unconstitutional.

"The law is explicit on the fact that that level of eavesdropping, that level of surveillance, is summarily barred by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act," Romero said. "It violates the basic premises of the First and Fourth Amendments."

Romero urged students not to allow their right to privacy to be compromised for the war on terror and said potential infringements could occur even in a college setting under current legislation.

Torture Overseas

Romero also cited reports of torture at prison camps in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Abu Ghraib as cause for concern. He said the disregard of rights guaranteed by the Geneva Convention will only result in American soldiers facing equally inhumane treatment should they be captured by an enemy.

"And that we allow the torture to happen on our watch, that puts our own men and women in uniform at risk."

He said the torture further demonstrates the lack of checks and balances in the current administration, as high-ranking officials knew of the practices but did not prevent them.

While Romero insists President Bush has "lamentably" misstated the truth with regard to the torture issue, Owens refuted this saying the government has never condoned torture and is already punishing those responsible for the misconduct.

The Media Role

Owens said recent disclosures by the media have "hurt our national security," alluding to articles published by The New York Times that have revealed instances of domestic wiretapping, secret prisons and torture over seas.

He said the government has no obligation to inform the public how many or what type of people are under investigation.

Romero expressed thanks for the media and said he hopes they will continue to report the truth aggressively, calling them "the fourth branch of government" because of the "check" they provide on the government.

He said he believes Republicans' refusal to reveal whom it listens to proves that not only suspected terrorists are being monitored.

Audience Undecided

Despite his criticism of Republicans and the Bush administration, Romero stated early on that he was not in a position to support Democrats, as they had also "disappointed" him with their inaction on Capitol Hill.

Romero's alleged neutrality seemed, at least in part, to

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NSU Police Blotter

3/15/06

4:27 p.m.
The "bucket truck" at the NSU Recreation Complex suffered a cracked windshield inflicted by a direct hit from a golf ball.

3/16/06

2:31 p.m.
A trash can appeared to be smoking at Watson Library. Water was poured into it in order to douse the cause of the smoke.

3:54 p.m.
Shots were heard at University Columns, but police found no eyewitnesses to the event.

3/17/06

11:14 a.m.
An officer heard gunshots "around" the area of College Avenue.

3/19/06

10: 33 p.m.
A husband called the University Police to tell them his wife was locked in Watson Library.

3/20/06

2:08 p.m.
Bienvenu Hall reported a student had passed out in front of the building's main entrance. The student told police she had donated blood earlier that day.

3/21/06

4:50 p.m.
Roommates of a diabetic student called for medical assistance after he did not fully respond to medications. Police arrived to determine whether emergency medical services should be notified.

4:57 p.m.
An ambulance was called for the student.

David Dinsmore

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reflect the attitude of the audience. Both Romero and Owens drew regular applause for their remarks and neither appeared to be more supported than the other.

Following their opening statements, Romero and Owens were asked to respond to pre-selected questions submitted by readers of The Times in Shreveport and NSU students and faculty.

Some of the questions, however, seemed broad and unconnected to the topic. It was not immediately clear how the national deficit and a congressional veto blocking the operations of a maritime company based in the United Arab Emirates pertained to the Patriot Act, torture or domestic spying.

"We're going to ignore the irrelevant questions," Owens said at one point.

Members of the audience which consisted largely of students of the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Art participated by addressing the speakers in the third and final part of the debate. Romero, when asked to offer an alternative to the Patriot Act that would effectively counter terrorist activity while preserving privacy, suggested a better tracking of illicit items used by terrorists. He also made an analogy in which he said "connecting the dots we already have" would prove more beneficial than adding more dots to the picture.

Owens who, according to Colorado's state website, is an expert on Soviet affairs compared the War on Terror to the Cold War. He implied an approach similar to the one used then, involving the "building up of our military," would be essential in protecting the country in what he called a "very, very dangerous" world.

Increase in NSU student fees to be up for vote next week

By Jim Mustian
Sauce Reporter

"Let the voice of the student be heard," reads the motto of the Student Government Association at NSU.

Students will have the opportunity to be heard all day Wednesday and Thursday by casting their vote in the Friedman Student Union. They will be determining the fate of a proposed increase in student fees and a change in how editors of the student media are named.

This "one-time fee packet," as the SGA has called it, would add $12 to what students owe at fee payment this fall and then $13 before classes begin next spring.

Twelve organizations on campus that already have student fees stand to receive further funding, but the money is not divided equally.

The *Current Sauce* and KNWD-FM would be the leading recipients with an increase of $2 from each student. An additional $2 would be designated to the SGA Activity fee.

The SGA Speaker Program, the benefactor of the Patriot Act debate last week, would get another $1.25.

The proposed increase totals more in the spring because publishing of the *Potpourri*, whose current fee would gain an extra dollar, also stands to be supplemented.

Part-time students would only be charged an additional $7.25 for both semesters the fee packet is in effect.

Also featured on the ballot is an amendment to the SGA's constitution, which would affect student media as well.. With the students' approval, the SGA would surrender its veto power over selections of the media board, which convenes each summer to appoint editors to the student media.

If student fee increases are approved, these organizations will receive the funds listed below:

Organization:	Current Fee	Proposed increase	Organization:	Current Fee	Proposed increase
Artist series	.75	.75	Union Board Drama	1.00	.50
SGA activity	2.25	2.00	Intramurals	5.00	.50
Potpourri	20.00	1.00	Student Union Programs	10.00	1.00
Current Sauce	3.00	2.00	Alumni	.50	.50
Argus	1.00	50	Natch. SGA speaker program	1.00	1.25
KNWD-FM	3.00	2.00	rowing team	2.00	1.00

Applications for Student Media Leaders can now be picked up in the Department of Journalism office Kyser Hall, Room 103.

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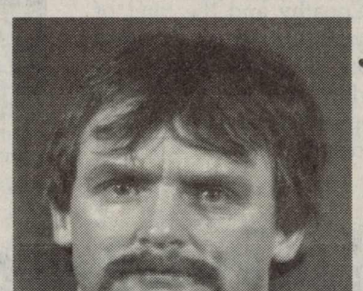
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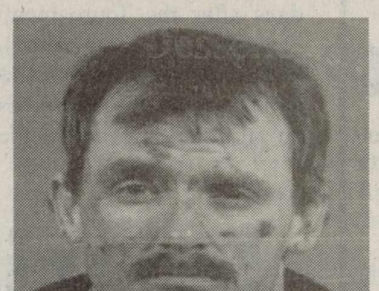


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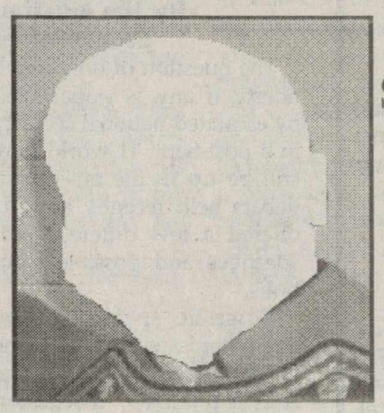


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NSU ensembles really 'toot their own horns'

By Willie Valrie
Sauce Reporter

NSU's Symphony Band and Wind Ensemble held their annual concert March 13 at 7 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall.

The concert was divided into two portions: the first half consisted of selections by NSU's Symphony Band, under the direction of Jeff Mathews.

The second half of the concert showcased songs performed by the NSU Wind Ensemble, directed of Kevin Richardson.

The first piece of the Symphony Band portion of the concert was a song called "Ovation" by Martin Ellerby. It was a majestic piece with a great saxophone solo in the middle portion. The feeling of the piece makes one think it is fitting for a movie based on the times of the Dark Ages.

The next piece was called "Air For Band," which was written by Frank Erickson. It had a mellow beginning and ended with a crashing, loud finale.

After this was "Summer Dances" by Brian Balmages. The concept of this piece was to capture the beauty and spirit of festivals associated with the summer season. It started off very lively with excellent clarinet and flute solos.

For a piece that was supposed to be about summer festivals, it brought about a melancholy feel. Towards the end, the song had an even darker yet exciting feel with blaring parts from brass instruments, such as the trombone and tuba sections, and was reminiscent of a theme that could fit the main arch-nemesis of an action-adventure movie.

Next up was the final piece of the Symphony Band portion of the concert, "Bullets and Bayonets" by John Phillip Sousa. It was a high-tempo patriotic sounding song with loud, booming pieces from trumpets and trombones.

The song sounded similar to one of Sousa's better-known pieces, "Stars and Stripes Forever".

The Wind Ensemble portion of the concert opened up with "Windsprints" by Richard Saucedo. This piece was meant to capture the feeling that one would have if he or she were racing in a 50- or 100-yard dash. The clarinet players stood out tremendously on this piece.

Next was "Fantasies on a Theme by Haydn" by Norman Dello Joio. It was based on a piano composition by the late Joseph Haydn, world-renowned classical musician and mentor of classical music great Ludwig van Beethoven. It had a light hearted and carefree feel to it; there were excellent solos from many different instruments throughout the piece.

Next was the "Pas Redouble" march by Camille Saint-Saens. This song was written for band and was very lively. It contained great solos from flutes, trumpets and trombones.

The last piece of the night was "Concertino for Four Percussion and Wind Ensemble". This song featured the instruments in the percussion section. It had an unsettling, mysterious feeling at first, then switching to a high-energy, thunderous highlight of eight marching bass drums.

Richardson said that the piece was originally written for only four percussions; however, after contacting the composer, he decided to try the piece with eight percussionists—which resulted in one exciting and powerful concert finale.

This year's Symphony Band and Wind Ensemble concert was a great musical experience, which showcased the musical talent that can be found here at NSU.







Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce

The NSU Wind Ensemble and Symphony Band performed their first concert of the season on March 13. Band students performed pieces ranging from classic Sousa marches to more modern energetic pieces. (Clockwise from top) 1.Symphony Band performs "Summer Dances"; 2. Kevin Gay along with the rest of the percussion section is featured in "Concertino." 3. String bass player Brian Williams and trombonist and graduate assistant Gus Figeac perform with the Wind Ensemble.

Theater department shows some tough 'Luv' for audiences

By Kelli Fontenot
Sauce Reporter

The NSU Theatre department recently produced a comedy about suicide, depression, and adultery.

Yes, a comedy.

"Luv," which was written in the sixties by Murray Schisgal, is the story of Harry (Donald Jones, freshman theatre major), who is contemplating suicide when he meets up with Milt (Regan McLellan, freshman theatre major).

Milt, a slick businessman, deals with Harry's ridiculous antics until he can finally convince him that being in love will solve his desperation.

Milt introduces his somewhat obsessive-compulsive wife, Ellen (Allee Peck, sophomore theatre major) to Harry so that they will fall in love and Milt can continue having an affair with another woman.

"Chaos ensues," said McLellan. "I'm not really 'the bad guy.' My perception of the play is that every character is looking out for himself."

Although the script deals with serious subjects, it is considered a comedy. In one hilarious segment of the play, Harry and Ellen execute a dance number to express their passionate "luv" for each other.

Shortly after the dancing scene, viewers were surprised to see Ellen with her shirt open and Harry with his pants around his ankles.

Eric Marsh, the director, said, "That's part of the joy of live theatre; it's supposed to catch you off guard."

Marsh made sure that he chose students who would be comfortable performing that part of the play.

"It was a definite challenge," Marsh said. "But we go through that all the time in theatre. It's definitely something that you have to think about when you cast. The two of them read that scene when they were doing auditions, so they knew that was coming."

Though the script was, according to Marsh, "beautifully written," it depended on some physical comedy and it was definitely rated PG-13. A play with such a small cast sometimes fails to capture its audience, but not in this case.

Some may wonder why the play is titled 'luv' instead of 'love.'

McLellan said, "Well, the play's not really about love. It's like when two kids fall in love. They're not really in love. It's luv."

Attendance on Friday night was low, but the few audience members that turned up experienced some great laughs and learned a valuable lesson.

Marsh said, "Things come full circle. Love is there in all of us, but it's never going to be a perfect love; there are always going to be complications."

Louisiana Piano Series brings world-renowned talent to NSU

By David West
NSU News Bureau

Pianist Kevin Orr will present a recital at NSU on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. The performance.

Tickets are $10, but students from NSU, the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts and all students from the state of Louisiana are admitted free.

Orr will perform works by Johannes Brahms and Jennifer Margaret Baker during the recital, which is part of the Louisiana Piano Series International.

Orr, an assistant professor of piano and piano pedagogy at the University of Florida, has been both a soloist and collaborative performer throughout the United States and abroad.

In addition to regular performances and master classes at music schools and universities throughout the United States, he has been invited twice to give concerts, master classes and lectures at prominent music conservatories in central China. In the summer of 2004, he was Artist in Residence at the University of Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia.

In his career, Orr has premiered solo and ensemble works by several noted composers. He has received the William Kurzban Prize in Piano from the Cleveland Institute of Music, and the Aurora Ragiani Martin Piano Award from The Dana School.

Orr studied at the Cleveland Institute of Music and at The Dana School of Music at Youngstown State University. Orr holds degrees in performance and an undergraduate degree in music education.

While maintaining a primary focus upon classical piano performance and teaching, Orr is also accomplished in other musical styles, including improvisation, which he has incorporated into his teaching. In 2001, he initiated a course at the University of Florida: "Improvisational Keyboard Skills and Related Technology," designed to expose keyboard majors to such intuitive performance skills.

His pedagogical interests have led to his presenting numerous papers and pedagogical workshops for various professional organizations, including the College Music Society, the International Conference on Arts and Humanities, and the Florida State Music Teachers Association.

Orr is founder and director of the University of Florida Young Pianists Festival, a weeklong event for pre-college pianists held each year at the School of Music. He is an active adjudicator for piano competitions.

Be sure to check out more stories and photos available on the Web!
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New York was such a blast! Wow, I had never been to a city that big or busy before—the excitement within the city was spectacular and sent a shiver down my spine! Or wait—maybe that was the 20-degree weather we were walking around in, I don't know.

As your "Saucy Fashionista" I feel it is my right to let you know what I saw and experienced in the way of fashion in the Big Apple.

On my first night there, the girls and I decided we would do lots of sight-seeing and go to all the typical tourist places right there around our hotel—namely Times Square, Broadway, Fifth Avenue, etc.

Fifth Avenue is so great. Any designer I could think of had some sort of boutique that just called my name. I do believe my favorite little store was H&M—maybe you've heard of it? It's only this HUGE store with lots of cute clothes for guys and girls at extremely reasonable prices. I think this was the other girls' favorite also.

It was fun to see such designer boutiques as Fendi, Prada, Dolce & Gabbana, Chanel, and Dior along the street—made me feel like I was in the middle of fashion week (if only I had been there two weeks earlier, right?).

I made quite a few purchases while I was in New York; in fact, my bank account is still screaming. However my favorite ones would have to be my pink cashmere pashmina, which kept me warm for most of my trip, and my HOT Prada bag…and when I say HOT, I mean HOT! (Yes, ladies…it fell off the back of a truck!). I totally paid like $30 for it. Actual retail price: a whopping $1100. Yeah. I win…big time!

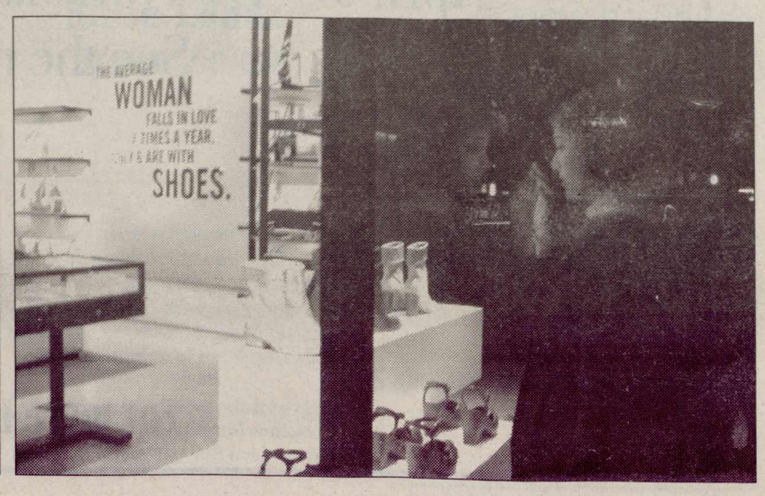
The demise of my trip would be when I wasn't able to go to the Manolo Blahnik store—otherwise known as Mecca for me. Manolo Blahniks are the types of shoes that I would spend thousands of dollars on just to keep them in a glass case in my living room for all to see. Yes, I am a "shoe-aholic."

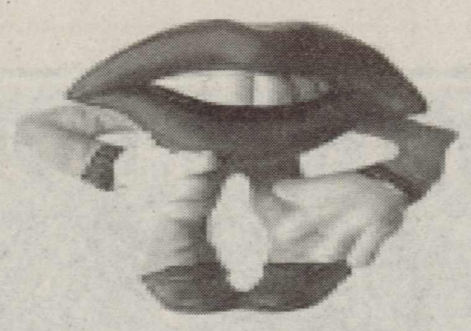
Style in New York is much different than it is here in the South, obviously. The people wearing these styles are awfully different as well. Black seems to be the color du jour and Burberry scarves seem to be the accessory of choice.

I loved seeing the women wearing short skirts with tights and boots—it's so funny because we would NEVER have weather down here to wear crap like that. Evidently the people up there haven't gotten the memo that Ugg boots aren't in style anymore—oh well, they'll be the first to know when something else comes into style, so its not so bad.

Speaking of shoes, I have no idea how women up there can walk around the city in three-inch heeled boots all day. Maybe they don't. Maybe they take cabs everywhere they want to go. I know that when I was there, if I didn't wear tennis shoes everywhere I went, I would have had little deformed feet when I came back. I know I probably looked retarded wearing nice jeans, a hot top and my New Balances—oh well, I'm not suffering for beauty now, am I? That's right. More than often I will sacrifice pain for beauty, but in this case, I wasn't willing to.

All in all...a great trip.





"Let's Talk About..."

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iPods could play role in enhancing education



By Chris Reich
Sauce Columnist

This week I read an article that talked about the uses of iPods for educational purposes. The article detailed ways educators and faculty members have put the devices to good use.

There was one section that bothered me a little though, especially after Raymond pointed it out to me. It talked about students using iPod lectures and just forgetting classes all together. This is where the article went wrong and is a glaring misunderstanding of the potential of these devices and the iTunes U service.

The big deal about the iPods being in the classroom is that it allow teachers to supplement their teaching with other movies, images or lectures.

How often has a teacher said "go to this website and watch this video" or "go here and look at these pictures"? I have seen several instructors do this already, and they have created websites for the sole purpose of hosting such information.

Imagine having forgotten to go to that website -the address buried in your pile of syllabi or on a scrap of paper somewhere in your car– when you needed to watch a video or look at images for a class. The iTunes U site would allow students to go home, sync the videos or photo slide shows to their iPods, and then have it at their disposal.

The main point of universities moving lectures and other academic material online isn't only for their students, but for students in general.

Case in point, Stanford's iTunes site (itunes.stanford.edu) has several lectures on a range of topics, from a discussion of Facebook with its creator to nonviolent techniques from the Dalai Lama. These are speakers we could never get here to NSU. The lectures are not short either, each is over an hour long.

What is important is that this information is available to students who want to learn more and to teachers who want to include this data in their teaching. And the most important point is that the entire service, from the uploading to the storage to the downloading of the recordings is all free for any university to use.

Now, what could this be used for at NSU other than class lectures? How about a weekly podcast recorded by President Webb, talking about issues on campus and giving students a better insight into his day-to-day activities. How about recording the weekly SGA meeting for the students.

We could also record the guest lecturers that come to campus and add their speeches to the site. More importantly –for alumni who are out of range of the radio broadcasts- the Demon Sports Network could upload a host of NSU sporting events along with their interviews with Coach Scott Stoker during football season. All of these items could be included on the site.

Students could listen to road games they couldn't attend and alumni could listen to hear their Alma mater play. Think of the revenue that the sports program could generate from the alumni.

Other uses would be NSU 22 uploading their broadcasts to the website to store for alumni, students and potential employers to watch.

The radio station could upload each week's show so students could download and listen to their favorite DJ's and genres of music. The radio station could track the downloads to target ad sales for revenue purposes.

Art students and faculty could record brief introductions for featured art shows, or students could record walkthroughs of senior shows to explain their feelings on particular pieces of art. This would give their show a little something extra.

The music program could record senior recitals, spring concerts, special lectures and even featured artists. Marching shows could be recorded and stored on the site so that prospective students could watch the halftime shows. This would be a free recruitment tool for the university.

Teachers could upload the movie or video they are showing in class to allow the students to re-watch the video again after class. The teachers could even record narration over the video so that the students would have additional insight into the meaning of the video.

This could even extend to off-campus activities. The poetry readings that happen off campus could be recorded for students to listen to, the same for student bands that play in the local bars. The recordings could even be compiled into a CD that could be bought by the students for a little added revenue to help defer the cost of the recording equipment.

Even the Argus could use this service for the prerelease parties. The top students could record the winning entries, and the recording could act as free publicity for the Argus.

Luckily, the electronic and continuing education department here is already considering this service for NSU.

So, yes, you could download the lectures from your professors, but there is more to this technology than just skipping class and getting the notes. It is about being exposed to activities and programs that the students couldn't attend or never heard about.

Chris Reich is a junior journalism major

A penny saved is a rare one



By Raymond Billy, Jr
Opinions Editor

According to John Waggoner, personal finance columnist for USA Today, few young workers began saving for retirement at the outset of their careers.

Hmm, I wonder why that could be.

It could be because college costs are skyrocketing and financial aid doesn't come close to keeping pace. Aid at public universities increased only 3 percent between Fall 2003 and Spring 2005 while tuition and fees increased 12.5 percent, an analysis by the College Board revealed.

These additional expenses force students to borrow in order to make up the difference. A study by the Center for Economic and Policy research showed that the average person who graduates in debt owes between $17,000 and $20,000 in loan repayments.

But, maybe that's not the reason Generation Y doesn't save.

Perhaps it has something to do with the fact that people's wages aren't keeping up with inflation. According to a report issued by the Census Bureau last August, real wages (wages adjusted for inflation) for full-time workers fell 2.3 percent for men and 1 percent for women between 2003 and 2004, even though worker productivity rose 15 percent during that period.

Nah, that's not it.

You don't suppose it has anything to do with the eradication of traditional pension plans?

The American Benefits Council, an employee benefits advocacy group, says that pension benefits have declined by 50 percent over the past decade.

Isn't it nice to have these institutes and think tanks that keep track of these statistics?

I'm not even going to go into detail about the impact health care and home-ownership costs have had on the lack of savings, but they are considerable, as you might imagine.

I hate to be the bearer of more bad news, but the problem is likely to get worse. Last month, Congress passed the Deficit Reduction Act, which mandated a fixed interest rate of 8.5 percent on Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students and a 6.8 percent rate for Stafford loans, which is a 2 percent increase for both programs considering Stafford loan interest previously could have been as low as 4.75 percent.

Granted, young workers should accept some blame for their lack of savings. A lot of people try to live beyond their means by spending large amounts of money on the latest digital technology. Some insist on spending $500 (or whatever it is Starbucks charges) for a cup of coffee, instead of brewing their own Joe.

On the other hand, I'm sure many workers believe that, under current conditions, the amount of money they will be able to save will only be enough to make them mad anyway, so why bother?

These problems are likely to run in a continuous cycle, if no action is taken to correct them, because our generation will not have money to put toward our children's college educations'. Our kids will spend their first 10 to 15 years in the work force climbing out from under loan debt instead of saving for the future, just as many of us will.

I don't really have any solutions to offer, just one suggestion for my peers: forget about retirement. Get a really good job that you love a whole lot, because you're going to be doing that job until you die.

Raymond Billy, Jr is a political science major

Vote now or forever hold your peace!

As an American I feel my most important right is the Right to Vote. It was given to me at birth and it can only be taken away if I decide to act like a psychopathic maniac one day.

Voting is important, and within the next week an important ballot will be put to vote among the entire student body. This is the vote to increase the amount of money students contribute to student media outlets in the form of fees.

No, this isn't another one of those impractical increases where you don't know where your money is going—you will actually see results. I know a lot of students have complained about what they might have seen or not seen or heard or not heard through the Current Sauce, Potpourri and KNWD, but this is the chance to change things for the better!

Get out there and vote—and let your voice be heard through the ballot—making student media the best it has ever been!

-Raquel Hill
Associate/Life Editor

We, as Americans, take for granted the fact that we have freedom of speech and the right to vote. We do not stop and think that in so many countries people do not get to do what we do, like vote.

If they do get the right vote, sometimes they have to pay a price for it. The sad thing is most give their life for the chance to vote and have their voice heard.

In America we do not have to die to be able to vote…we have the opportunity to vote anytime we want. With so much power laid at our feet, you would think that we would use this to our advantage.

But we don't, and I think it is time this changed.

One way that students can change this is by voting for an increase in the student media fees.

As part of the student media we try to cover stories that pertain to you, the students, and let you know about upcoming events that you might not have otherwise known about.

Please take an active step in improving and keeping your student media around by voting to increase the fees.

-Katie Lopez
News Editor

Throughout this semester, we at The Current Sauce have worked hard to report the stories that matter most to you, the student body. We are doing the best that we can with limited resources, but our ability to serve you better would be greatly enhance by the additional funds that we would receive with your support. I urge to make your presents felt at next week's ballot and help student media advance to the next level.

-Raymond Billy, Jr.
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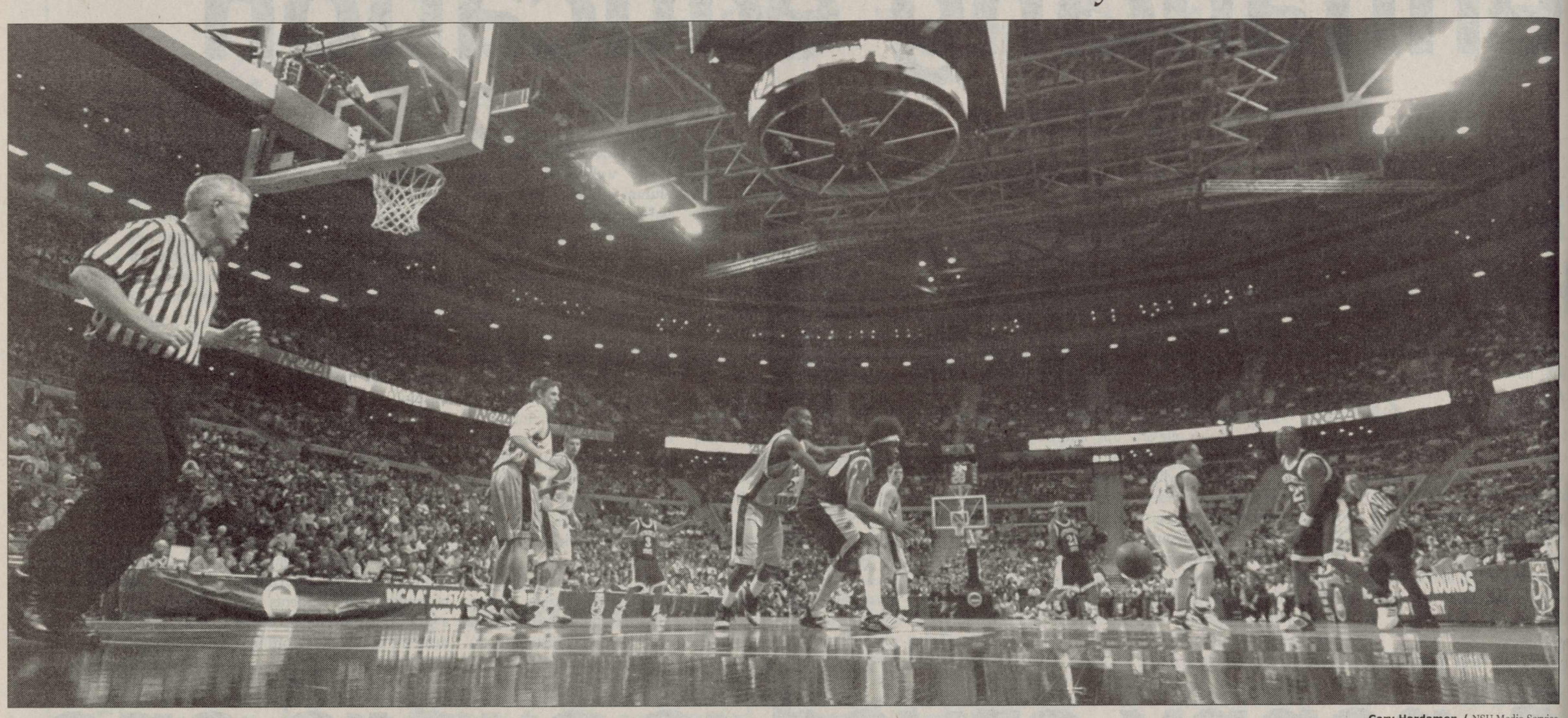
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Record-shattering season

NSU celebrates as Demon basketball comes to an end for 2005-2006 season



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Jermaine Wallace (far right) passes the ball to Clifton Lee (center) in the Demons 67-54 loss to West Virginia in NCAA Tournament Second Round, ending one of the most successful men's basketball seasons in NSU history.

Fans to get chance to duplicate game-winning shot tonight

Courtesy of Sports Information

Fans are invited free of charge to the hour-long "NSU Demons' March Madness Celebration" today at 6 p.m. at Prather Coliseum.

The celebration will recognize the NSU basketball team's record-shattering 2005-2006 season.

The Demons were among the final 32 teams in the NCAA Tournament after a first-round win against the Iowa Hawkeyes, the Big Ten Conference Tournament champions.

Attendees will have the chance to duplicate the game-winning three-point shot by senior Jermaine Wallace.

Wallace made his shot just before the final horn last Friday as the Demons completed a comeback from a 17-point deficit to beat the Iowa 64-63, at Auburn Hills, Mich.

The first 1,000 people attending the celebration will receive a commemorative poster featuring action photographs of the Demons with game-by-game scores of their record 26-8 season.

All NSU players and coaches will participate in the celebration. They will also sign autographs and pose for pictures at the close of the event.

Highlights and behind-the-scenes footage from the NCAA Tournament will be shown during the celebration. The NSU pep band and cheerleaders will also perform.

Coach Mike McConathy will speak along with the seven seniors on the team: Byron Allen, Alfonse Dyer, Kerwin Forges, Clifton Lee, Tyronn Mitchell, D.J. Ross and Wallace.

Sam Houston sweeps NSU 9-6 and 7-3 in SLC doubleheader

Courtesy of Sports Information

Sam Houston State used two big innings – one in the first game and one the second – to sweep NSU, 9-6 and 7-3, in a Saturday SLC baseball doubleheader while taking a 2-1 series win from the Demons.

The losses, which were the first for the Demons at home this season, drops the team to 12-11 overall and 1-5 in league play while the Bearkats, who avenged a 5-2 loss to the Demons on Friday, improve to 12-9 on the season and 4-2 in conference play.

In the first game, NSU led 3-2 behind 6 1/3 good innings of work from starter Dereck Cloeren, but the Bearkats forced the Demons to go to the bullpen with one out in the seventh and put up five runs in the frame to take a 7-3 lead.

SHSU added two more runs in the eighth inning before the Demons rallied for three ninth-inning runs.

Drew Brown (2-2) took the loss in relief work for the Demons after throwing 2.2 innings allowing six runs on four hits with two walks and three strikeouts.

The Demons finished with 11 hits to SHSU's seven.

Michael Palermo, Marty Dewees and Scott Pittenger all had two hits with Pittenger knocking in three runs.

Michael Flower and Bobby Barbier each had solo home runs in the game.

In the second game, the Demons put up two quick runs on three hits in the first inning, but the Bearkats chipped away with one run in the second, three in the fifth and three in the eighth to pull away for the day's sweep.

Kyle Broughton (2-3) suffered the loss going 4.2 innings allowing four runs, two earned, on six hits with two walks and four strikeouts.

Dewees, Barbier and Brandon Morgan each had two hits in the game but the Demons totaled just seven for the contest.

SHSU's Zach Adkisson ran his record to 2-0 on the year after throwing the complete game seven-hitter, giving up three runs with a walk and four strikeouts.

The Demons will be back in action next Friday when they travel for another SLC series, this time against Texas-San Antonio.

Lady Demons upend Southern 7-1 Tuesday

Courtesy of Sports Information

Kristen Lindley tossed a complete-game, six-hitter and Amanda Glenn belted her sixth home run of the season as the NSU Demons upended Southern, 7-1, in college softball Tuesday afternoon.

The win was the second straight for NSU and it improved to 14-17 on the season.

The Demons remained in town for a 4 p.m. doubleheader with nationally-ranked LSU on Wednesday. Southern falls to 11-12 overall.

NSU finished the game with 10 hits, led by a 3-for-3 showing from Lindley.

She countered her offensive game by tossing the complete 7-innings in evening her record to 5-5. She allowed just one run on six hits, with a walk and five strikeouts.

Glenn went 2-for-4 with two runs batted in and two runs scored.

Southern scored its only run in the third inning after breaking a scoreless tie.

The Lady Demons quickly responded when Glenn singled and Lindley walked to put runners at first and second with no outs.

After Southern got the next two NSU batters out, Glenn and Lindley both scored on a throwing error by the Southern third baseman who was attempting to get Sarina Noack out at first.

The Lady Demons went up 4-1 in the sixth on a two-run single by Noack then put the game away with three runs in the seventh, fueled by Glenn's two-run homer.

Prior to her blast, Michelle Castellano led the inning off with a triple, then scored on a single by Amanda Perdue.

Lady Demons to take on SFA at Jack Fisher Complex

By Kristi George
Sauce Reporter

The NSU tennis team is still in search of its first victory of the season as it heads into Friday's 2 p.m. match up against Stephen F. Austin at the Jack Fisher Tennis Complex.

"The game against SFA should be a close one," NSU captain Catalina Villegas said.

"We have beaten them the last two years and it wasn't that hard, but this year they have a better team and since we are not doing that good it probably will be close. Hopefully we get the win."

The Demons head into the match up winless with a record of 0-7. (0-4 in the Southland Conference)

"We are struggling right now, and a part of it is because we started the season without playing warm-up matches. We have some things we need to work on," Coach Willie Paz said.

Paz said the weather has caused problems for his players. Games that were canceled due to rain caused a three-week gap between matches, but he still believes his team is progressing.

"They are playing better, the thing that we aren't doing is we are not finishing the match once we build up points. We are playing like we are afraid to finish," Paz said.

Villegas, who is currently a junior, said her freshman and sophomore years were way better.

"We are just trying to get to the level we need to be to win our matches," Villegas said.

Freshman Daniela Posado said, "This is not an excellent season, but I am trying to do my best and my teammates are trying their best."

Posado's other teammates are freshman Helen Grimes, sophomores Marcia Alcantara and Fernanda Silva and junior Magali Van Den Bergh.

Paz and Villegas both said the team has a good chance of picking up its first win against SFA, and the team is looking forward to this weekend's match.

"We always beat them and we should play pretty well, although it might be closer than previous matches," Paz said.

Under Coach Bret Arrant, SFA Lady Lumberjacks are 7-8 and are coming off a four-game home stand that featured the team going 2-2 with wins over Nicholls State and Centenary College, and losses against McNeese State and Southeastern Louisiana.

Arrant said his team has been playing well.

"We are 1-4 in conference play with the four losses coming against four of the six schools that made it to the conference tournament last year. Coach Paz always has a team that fights hard with great determination. It will be a very good challenge for us this Friday," Arrant said.

Paz hopes the fans show up to cheer for the team during their three-game home stands starting tonight against Centenary.

"We always have a good group of people that show up and it helps the morale of the players," Paz said.

Lady Demons Softball

Dates and times of remaining home games

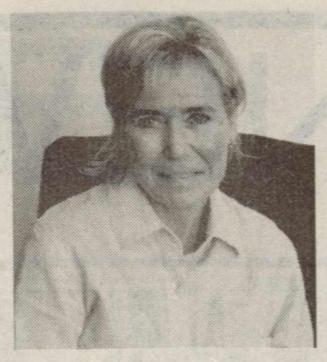
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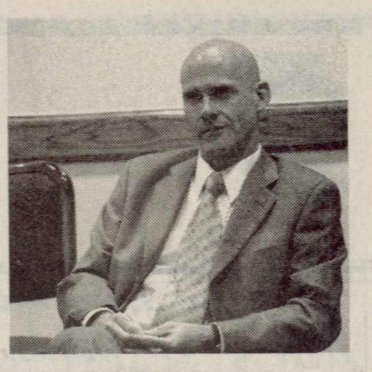
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New NSU Vice President of Student Affairs to be selected

By Kera Simon
Sauce Reporter

The appointment of a new Vice President for Student Affairs is the responsibility of NSU President Randall Webb's appointed selection committee, and there are three main candidates.

The selection committee consists of ten people, all representing different parts of NSU.

"I selected people who I felt represented the university community. I tried to ensure we had students, faculty and staff who could stand for every part of our school," Webb said.

The selection committee reviewed the 17 applicants received by the February 20 deadline and narrowed them down to three.

Chairman of the selection committee Steven Horton said the final candidates are Eric Murray from the University of Montana-Western, Patrice Moulton, director of institutional affairs and acting vice president of student affairs at NSU, and Mary Lynn Williamson from the University of Tennessee at Chatanooga.

Horton said the committee presents Webb with the final names that they feel he should consider in order to make his decision.

Webb then sends a packet with his choice candidate to be approved by the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors.

The selection committee is looking for a Vice President for Student Affairs who can really help and be a true service provider for the students.

"We are looking to recommend someone who will serve the students. Someone who can provide security and well being for the student body," Horton said.

The selection committee conducted a national search, as required by the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors, for occupying dean levels or higher.

Webb said NSU advertised its job opening in various publications.

The candidates individually visited NSU Monday through Wednesday.

Each candidate met with the President's cabinet, the selection committee, the student affairs division then participated in an open forum with students and search committee members in the President's Room of the Friedman Student Union.

They were also given a tour of the campus and met with Webb.

"I'm looking for a person who I feel is competent. Someone who can work effectively with the staff and students to help improve student life," Webb said.

Webb has confidence in the selection committee's decisions.

He thinks they will give him their final recommendations soon.

As described by the job advertisement for the Vice President for Student Affairs the position of Vice President of Student Affairs deals specifically with students.

The position leads the division that includes the Department of Student Activities and Organizations the Department of Transportation and Public Safety, the Department of Student Services, the Department of Campus Community, and the Department of Enrollment Services.

Dan Seymour was the former Vice President of Student Affairs.

Horton said Seymour decided to go back to the classroom and teach the skills he had learned while he was Vice President for Student Affairs.

Seymour is now a full-time faculty member of the Student Personnel Services M.A. in the College of Education.

Vice president candidates answered questions concerning potential position

By Raymond Billy, David Dinsmore and Lane Luckie
Sauce Reporters

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, each candidate for the position of Vice President of Student Affairs participated in individual question and answer sessions, which were attended by members of the campus community.

Here are the questions put forth by the *Current Sauce*. The answers are direct quotes but have been paraphrased to fit the paper.

Current Sauce: *What skills and experiences do you bring to the position?*

Patrice Moulton (contributed by Raymond Billy):

One thing that I bring to student affairs that might be different from the other candidates is "a background in mental health. I've worked more years in mental health than I have in academics. Those counseling skills and community building skills and team building skills" are abilities that I use on a daily basis.

"The psychology field is the area of my training. Being able to bring that to the table if it comes to… mediating, negotiating, bringing groups together, building teams, working, at collaboration and understanding motivation and concepts of motivation and what I call just good human nature 101 dynamics are skills that are good to have.

Eric Murray (contributed by David Dinsmore):

The thing which I think probably makes me best suited for this particular job is that your campus has a lot of similarities to where I started with my campus in Montana. There are similarities in the issues that you face regarding students, judicial affairs, crisis management, trying to invest the students to develop an identity with Northwestern.

I think there are a lot of issues that I have had to address under budget constraints. I see Northwestern as an opportunity to apply what I have been learning over the last nine years to an institution that can benefit from that and grow from it.

Mary Lynn Williamson (contributed by Lane Luckie):

I have learned from students at the eight different universities where I have worked, three of which I served as the Vice President. Those students taught me that they have some very specific needs and expectations about what a good Vice President does.

Based on over 25 years of interactions with students, these are the roles I believe are among the most important for this position: "It's most important that the vice president for student affairs be an advocate for students. No one else in the administration has that role."

I want to take an active role in communicating the policy of the university to the students, but at the same time relay the thoughts, concerns and needs of the students to the administration.

Secondly, I want to be an effective.

CS: *The Division of Student Affairs must serve a diverse student body. What activities do you think could further contribute to getting students to understand and appreciate the numerous diverse cultures on our campus?*

PM: I think that the Diversity University week was a really nice start. Our multicultural affairs office has a diversity plan that is brand new, but probably already needs to be revised. It involves "doing a survey that asks students about what it is that they want to have happen as it relates to diversity and diversity awareness on our campus.

I think we need to continue our programming in that area I think we need to continue to put resources into that area. We need to review and revise that diversity plan and make sure that we put the student voice in that in terms of what needs to be done."

"I don't necessarily think that administration or staff needs to determine for students what needs to happen. I think students need to tell us what they would like to have happen and work together to make plans for that.

EM: The answer to that question comes in multiple forms. I think there are several entities responsible for exposing students to culture and diversity. It's not only student affairs, but it's also academic affairs. Certainly, those two groups have to work collaboratively to incorporate opportunities for that into the classroom as well as outside of the classroom.

There are also leadership opportunities. It's not only the responsibility of the administrators and educators to expose folks to cultures. (Students) also have a responsibility to the culture that you are in to make sure you are educating other people.

We can facilitate that through leadership opportunities. In fact, one of the things I am doing now on my campus is changing the physical environment to be representative of cultures that are on our campus.

MW: I am very interested in issues of race and gender. When I was at SUNY College at Old Westbury, 95 percent of the students who lived on campus were people of color. I had to learn how to appreciate difference and promote its importance.

I am a certified race relations trainer. I would take a look at the multicultural office and see where it can be expanded.

"Diversity appreciation days, events around special holidays. I would like to see what we have and compare that to what's available."

CS: *The Student Code of Conduct in the Student Handbook provides guidelines for student behavior. Students do sometimes break the rules, however. What plans would you have to encourage better behavior from those students who would violate the rules?*

PM: "One of the things that we have a responsibility to do is to make certain that students are clear about what the expectations are… along with what the consequences will be if those expectations aren't met, also, some justification but why those are expectations.

Students may wonder 'why is it that we expect you to do this or that,' because students may not like being told what they can or cannot do. For instance, in the dorm that you live in or in the residence hall that you live in.

But, if there is a clear reason for it, I think we need to clearly delineate what the expectations are, why those are expectations along with the fact that there is a process that occurs if those rules or regulations or policies or procedures are broken."

But, I think that the consequences of breaking the rule could serve as a learning process for students rather than a punitive or judgmental process.

EM: Sometimes you have

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Campus Connections



The CURRENT SAUCE welcomes submissions for **CAMPUS CONNECTIONS**, a free service to organizations planning events that will be open to NSU students.

Bring **CONNECTIONS** to **Kyser 225G**, or e-mail them to **thecurrentsauce@gmail.com**. Please include a name and telephone number. We reserve the right to refuse any **CONNECTION**.

"College Night on the Riverbank"

Natchitoches Jazz/R&B Festival is presenting "College Night on the Riverbank", Friday, March 31 from 6 p.m. thru 10:45.

A special kick-off party for the Jazz Fest will feature four live bands the Entertainers, Merchant Street, the Front Street Project, the Benjy Davis Project.

Devin Anders, from the Student Body, will DJ between sets. There will be food and beer.

Tickets are $4 in advance and $5 at the gate and will get you into the festival on Saturday as well. Cash prizes will also be awarded.

Advance tickets can be purchased at any Natchitoches bank.

Pancake breakfast

Alpha Sigma Alpha will be holding an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast Saturday from 8am-11am at the NSU Recreation Complex on the Highway 1 Bypass.

Tickets are $5 and can be purchased from any member or at the door. Any questions please contact Stephanie at 985-859-7055.

Spirit Groups Audition

NSU Demon Dazzlers, Purple Pizzazz, Yell Leaders, and All-Girl Squad will have a workshop on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and auditions on Sunday beginning at 8 a.m.

Scholarships will be awarded to each member chosen. Those selected from outside Louisiana will receive out - of - state fee waivers.

Both the workshop and audition will take place in the Health and Human Performance Building.

Adopt a senior citizen

To all interested groups, clubs, organizations, sororities, fraternities, church groups, individuals or any other interested persons.

A resident support is in the beginning stages at Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Natchitoches.

If you have love for the elderly, a caring heart and a little time to spare then you are the one for this group.

This is a group to facilitate activities with the activity director at Heritage to enhance the lives of their elderly.

This is a once a month group where you or your group can come in and do an activity with a group of the elderly residents.

Adopt a senior is an option for individuals who have time to spare.

You can choose to read, show a movie, or just sit and talk and spend a little time.

Correction: For clarification purposes, the SGA student fee increases will only affect full-time students, not part-time students.

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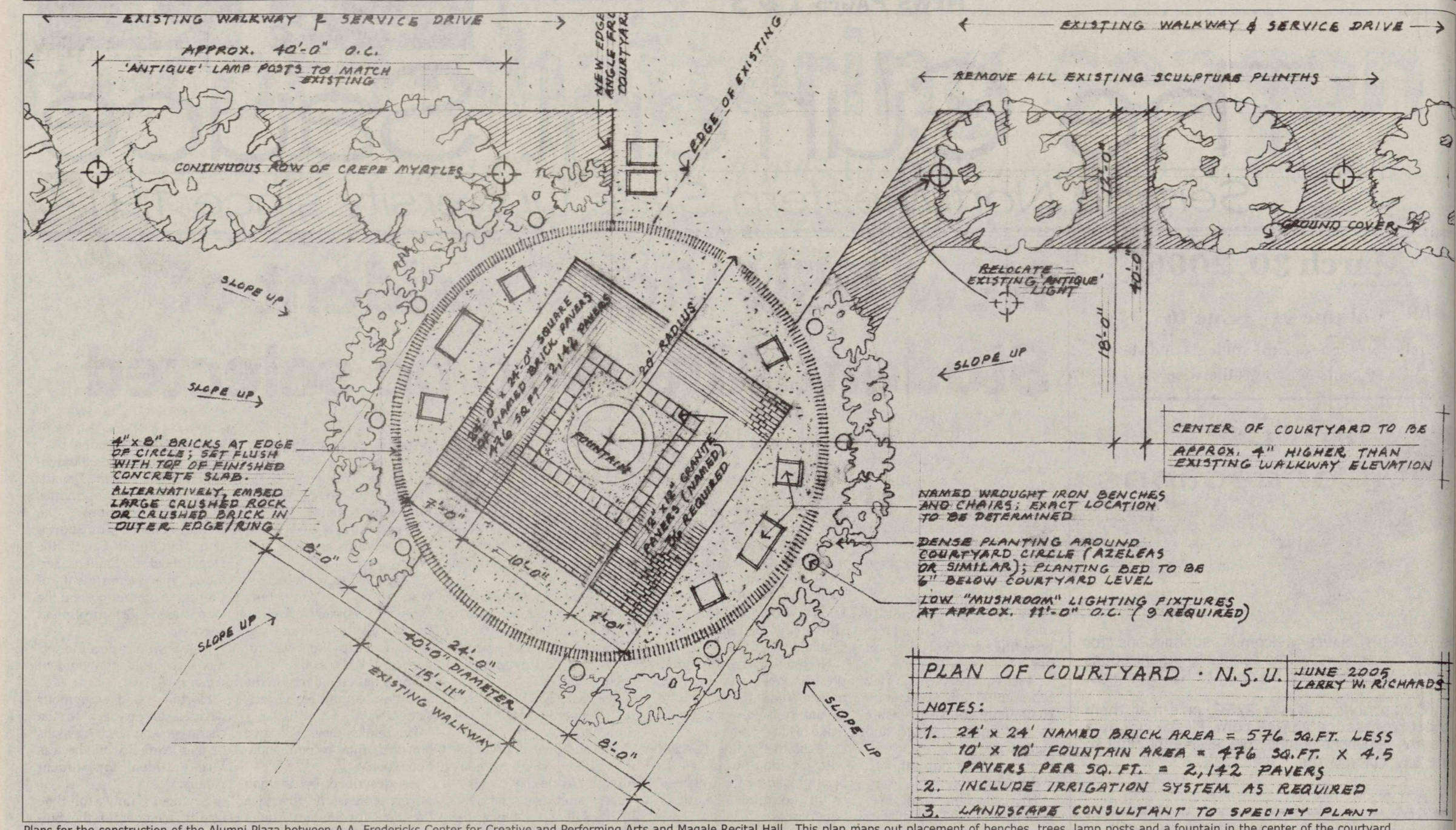
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Plans for the construction of the Alumni Plaza between A.A. Fredericks Center for Creative and Performing Arts and Magale Recital Hall. This plan maps out placement of benches, trees, lamp posts and a fountain in the center of the courtyard.

Alumni Plaza to be finished by fall 2006

By Chris Reich
Sauce Reporter

An Alumni Plaza in the courtyard between the Creative and Performing Arts buildings, should be finished by Homecoming of fall 2006.

The project is an attempt to beautify the campus and also add $50,000-$100,000 to an endowed scholarship fund for NSU students.

Alumni Affairs Director Chris Maggio said the project would serve three different goals.

It will beautify the area, give alumni and friends of the university a chance to honor a professor or friend, and help start an endowed scholarship.

All funding will come from alumni and friends of NSU.

The scholarships will be for sophomore, junior and senior students of any major Maggio said. The funding for the scholarships will come from the raised funds left over from the plaza project.

Maggio expects that the project will cost a little over $100,000 dollars, leaving the excess for the scholarship fund.

If approximately all 1700 of the bricks, 11 lamp posts, 20 benches, 76 granite tiles, and eight crepe myrtle trees are sold, the total will equal around $200,000.

Bill Brent, director of Creative and Performing Arts, said he approached Maggio about this idea a couple of years ago.

"That space is ugly, I mean, it's dirty, grass doesn't grow and it holds water. This building is on the main entrance to campus," Brent said referring to the area where the Plaza will be built.

"You have the college of business that has done a nice little plaza area outside their building, you have the WRAC that is now open and all the lighting they have done," Brent said.

"This is now a very pretty entrance to campus until you got up here, and because the president's office is here, we felt, along with Chris Sampite, this is an area we need to clean up,"he said.

The clean up process involved first removing a section of the concrete drive way trucks use to reach the dock in the theatre building and two sculpture stands that were near the driveway.

The sculpture stands being removed has worried many students in the Creative and Performing Arts program.

"They were torn down without any of the students really knowing," said Jessica Callac, a junior studio arts major.

Her Sculpture 2 class had a group assignment to choose a sculpture stand on campus for their midterm projects to be displayed on.

Two groups in her class had nowhere to display their work because they chose those two stands.

Brent said the stands were "not ever used as much as we had hoped that they would be used, and the way they were set up really created a kind of hazard for trucks that had to come in and deliver."

During the second phase of the project, which involves landscaping the area near A.A. Frederick's auditorium, the sculpture stands will be rebuilt to allow students to display their work.

Brent said that the plaza will not interfere with the outdoor theatre, the theatre dock or the driveway that the band lines up on before marching toward the stadium for football season.

The practice areas for the drumline and color guard are not going to be compromised either.

Brent said he would like to eventually have every student graduating have a brick or tile in their name. This is similar to the system that Louisiana Tech has in place now.

"What I would like to see is that students here assess themselves a $25 fee for the first two years which would give them the $100 in a fund, so that when they graduate they get a brick."

When homecoming of next year comes around, the first phase should be finished, giving alumni a memorial mall to remember professors or friends, students a place to relax between classes, seating for the outdoor theatre, and a more asthetically-pleasing view.

"Who wants to sit in that dirt and mudhole that has formed out there?" Brent asked.

Free enterprise students to compete in regional competition

By Willie Valrie
Sauce Reporter

NSU's Students In Free Enterprise team will compete in a regional competition at the Adam's Mark Dallas hotel in Dallas, Texas on April 12.

SIFE is a student organization involved in helping people of all ages get a better understanding of America's economic system..

Bob Jones, instructor of faculty sponsor of SIFE, said, "We try to look for ways to help people understand the opportunities that our economic system offers and how to take advantage of it."

"We try to show people, especially kids, that there is opportunity out there if you take advantage," he said.

"One part of it is to get them interested," he said.

Jones said people think that business is about money and do not think it is an intellectual challenge.

"Running a business is not simple, but it is a rewarding thing," he said.

"Not only is it rewarding for the people running it, but for the community," Jones said.

Jones said that the community benefits as a whole if one runs their business because business is not a self-centered thing.

"Part of the problem is that people do not understand business," Jones said.

"If you do not understand business, you will not make a good employee."

Jones said SIFE tries to show people that one can benefit from having skills that employers want.

There will be four speakers present at the SIFE competition.

If NSU's SIFE team becomes one of the regional champions, they will go to the national SIFE competition in Kansas City, Mo.

Over 100 corporations will be at the national competition as judges and they will also interview students to possibly hire them.

"It's a good way for students to show off what they've done," Jones said.

"SIFE helps improve one's knowledge about how the business world works," said Isaac Caine, president of SIFE.

"We try to target those who don't know anything about free enterprise," Caine said.

Caine said SIFE has conducted various seminars for college students.

Last week, there was a seminar informing people about setting themselves up for retirement.

This past Monday, there was a seminar about marketing.

For more information concerning the SIFE competition, contact Jones at 357-4581.

"Let's talk about...."

By Jamie Broussard
Sauce Reporter

NSU students will be chatting about stress, sex, drugs and alcohol during the "Let's Talk About" activities planned for the month of April.

The activities will take place April 3 through 7 as a part of the NSU Express.

John Ziegler, assistant director of student activities, said the purpose of the week is to inform and relate on awareness topics.

"We have tried to plan events that students will have fun at, but we will also be getting the message across in a mature, engaging matter," Ziegler said.

Here is a sample of some of the events going on during the week:

• Monday through Thursday, 9a.m.: Awareness Café. Free morning paper, coffee and pastries in the Friedman Student Union Lobby.

• Monday, 11 a.m.: Faces of Meth: an Extreme Makeover. This event will be held in the Student Union Lobby.

With help from the theatre department students and faculty will show how methamphetamines affect the body.

• Tuesday, 4p.m.: Stress 911. Activities concerning stress, and self-esteem and wellness prevention activities will take place will take place at the Wellness Recreational Activities Center.

Students can learn how to alleviate stress and improve mental health through progressive muscle relaxation and breath work.

• Wednesday, 12 p.m.: "Picnic and Poetry" STD prevention and sexual health activities will take place.

Students can listen to English professor Julie Kane and NSU students read their award-winning creative writing and poetry on prevention-related topics in the Morrison Courtyard.

• Wednesday, 5 p.m. CSI Night: Candy, Sex, and Ice Cream. Students can learn about STD prevention.

Free ice cream will be served and "Condom Bingo"will be played in the Student Union Alley.

• Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: National Alcohol Screening Day.

Students have the opportunity to learn how alcohol affects the body and alcohol abuse prevention in the Student Union Cane River Room.

• Thursday, 2p.m. Students can share a keg of root beer with professors and participate in a driving under the influence simulation being given.

At the simulation students can participate by wearing vision impairing goggles while trying to navigate a golf cart.

State Trooper and NSU alumnus Jeff Covington will be speaking at the event about drinking and driving.

The event will take place at the bricks between Kyser and Williamson halls and Sam Sibley Drive.



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Chris Reich/the Current Sauce
Two thousand pounds of 'bugs' were eaten at this year's Extreme Spring Fling--mudbugs, that is.

WHAT'S NEW IN STORES THIS WEEK:

In Music

- *3121*, Prince
- *Chicago XXX*, Chicago
- *Life on the Murder Scene*, My Chemical Romance
- *Greatest Hits, Vo. 2*, Tim McGraw
- *Educated Horses*, Rob Zombie
- *Rosenrot*, Rammestein
- *Oral Fixation Vol. 2*, Shakira

In Movies

- *Capote*
- *Chicken Little*
- *King Kong*
- *Memoirs of a Geisha*
- *Dreamer*
- *Derailed*

Source: CDNOW.com

AT YOUR OWN RISK

extreme Spring Fling

By Lindsay Larcom
Sauce Reporter

Butt sketches, water massage, blood drives and crawfish. For NSU students, these are the signs that spring has officially sprung.

This year's Extreme Spring Fling kicked off last Monday with extreme photos in the Friedman Student Union lobby. Students lined up eagerly from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to have an artist draw their backside. The black and white sketches were autographed and free to the first 96 students.

"The butt sketch was so hilarious," said senior journalism major Darla Williford. "I never thought I would own a portrait of my butt."

Tuesday's theme was extreme service. Only one car showed up for the car show outside of Kyser Hall. The driver, running uncontested, went home with all of the awards. The proceeds from the show were donated to St. Jude's.

Students enjoyed aqua massages, wax hands and foot massages on Wednesday's extreme relaxation day.

"All the events were well attended but I think that extreme relaxation was the overall student favorite," said Spring Fling organizer Carolyn Sarkozi.

Spring Fling came to a close outside of Prather Coliseum with an "extreme" crawfish boil. Two thousand pounds of free crawfish were prepared.

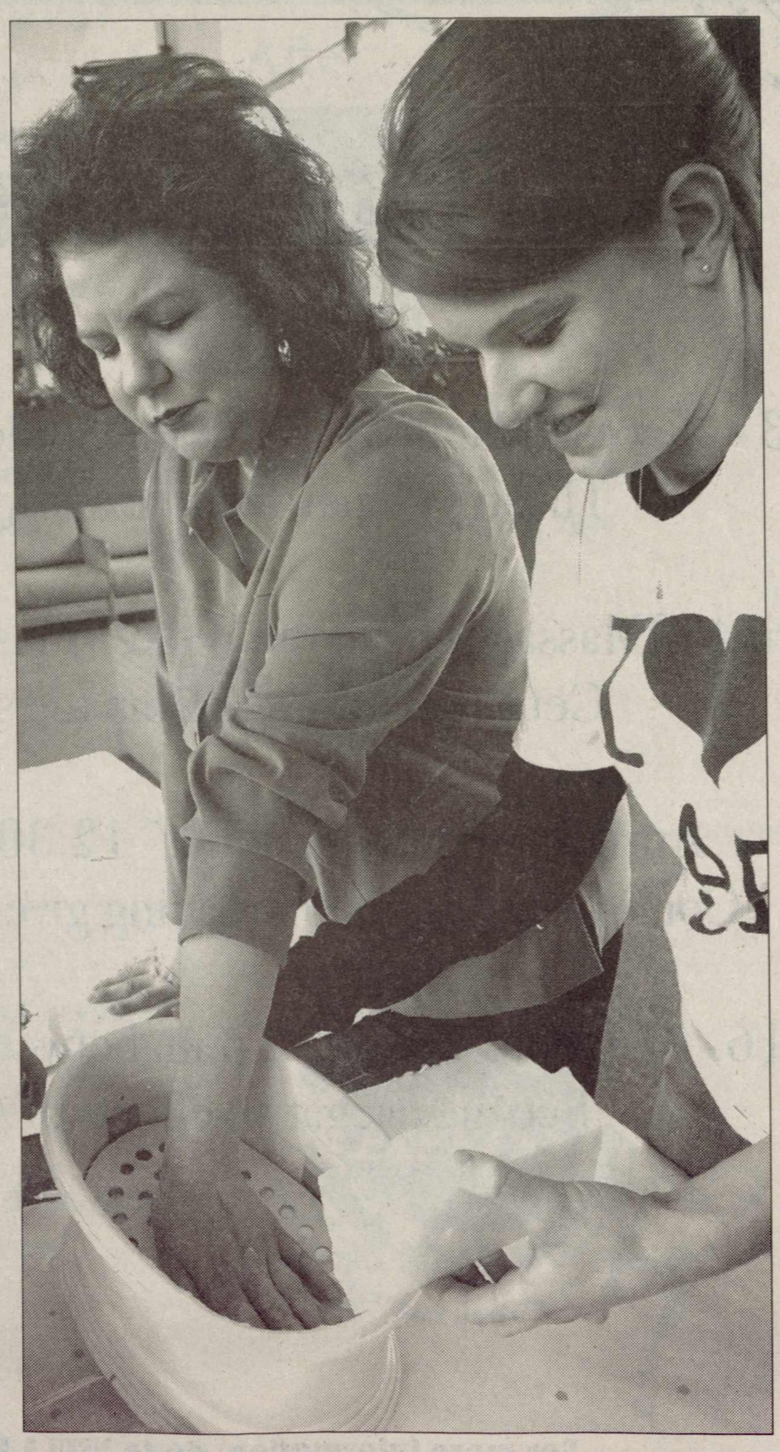
"We tried to do something different with this year by offering crawfish and burgers for those who don't eat crawfish," said Sarkozi. "We also had a rock wall, bumper cars, dog tags and a stomp show."

All the events for this year's Spring Fling were planned to appeal to every student. Sarkozi said that the SAB tried to do a lot of new things and experiment this year.

"There was so much variety in the activities," said Williford. "It seemed like there was really something for everyone."

A LifeShare bus was also parked outside of the Union taking blood donations throughout the week.





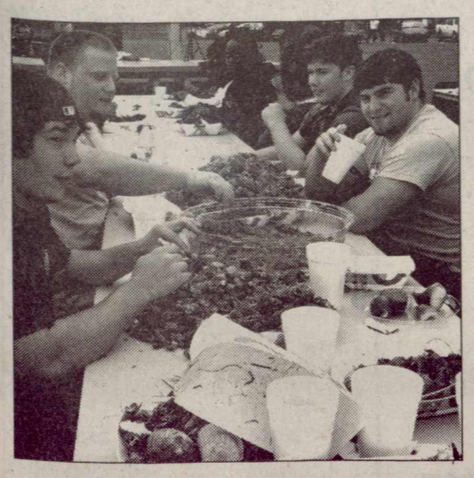
Above: Emily Perkins and Elliot Westphal play around on the bumper cars at Spring Fling **(Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce).**

Far right: Carolyn Sarkozi, junior Education major, helps Mary Odom of Auxiliary services use a paraffin wax machine during last Wednesday's events **(Chris Reich/the Current Sauce).**

Right: Chantelle Garnard, freshman nursing, jumps during Thursday's activities. **(Chris Reich/the Current Sauce).**

Below: Freshman Michael Moody, junior Chase Dyess, junior Tyler Poole and freshman Brandon Leblanc eat crawfish at Spring Fling **(Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce).**





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"The Art of Getting Things Done"

Contributed by Ellen Jenkins
Psi Chi Columnist

Procrastination.

You may know what it means. You may have done it in the past; however, many do not know how to overcome it.

Procrastination is a very popular form of practice by most college students. It is defined as the avoidance of a task, which requires completion by focusing on some other task.

Sound familiar? Many college students love the art of procrastination and will avoid completing an assignment till the last minute.

There can be many causes of procrastination one being anxiety as you flip through the magazine or channel surf progressively feeling guilty knowing you have that paper due tomorrow.

Procrastination can produce unnecessary stress on a student. Many students may say "I work better under pressure."

But is this pressure healthy for a college student? Work that is left untouched until the last minute often results in low quality and often a lower grade.

Have no fear; there are methods in coping with procrastination. One of the most obvious ways is to create a To-do list. The point is not just to check things off your To-do list, but to make sure you are doing the things which are most important and sorting out your priorities. Getting organized will not only make you feel better but will most likely save you time on completing those difficult tasks. Studying in small blocks can be less daunting then studying two or three hours straight.

Set several small realistic goals instead of one enormous goal to avoid feeling overwhelmed and reward yourself after you complete a task.

The art of getting things done and overcoming procrastination is one of the most important skills to master as a college student to improve quality of schoolwork that will carry over into the real world.

Senior Demons bid farewell

By Natasha Anderson
Sauce Reporter

The saying "all good things must come to an end" holds a deeper meaning for the men's basketball team and its graduating seniors.

The Demons, once considered the underdogs, caught the attention of the nation only to lose seven of its players.

Kerwin "Fat Daddy" Forges, Tyronn "Touchie" Mitchell, Byron "Big B" Allen, Clifton "Big Smooth" Lee, Jermaine "J Dubb" Wallace, Alfonse "Slim" Dyer, and Donald "DJ" Ross will bid farewell to their friends and fans this spring as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

The extensive careers of these players began during their freshman year and ended with two SLC victories and numerous bragging rights, including the infamous game-winning shot over Iowa made by senior guard Jermaine Wallace.

"I had goose bumps for a few minutes, I couldn't believe it!" senior guard Tyronn Mitchell said, describing his reaction on Wallace's shot. "We came so close last year; we just took that energy and played a good game."

The senior players add that along with determination the other factor that boosted their energy was the support of their fans.

"Everyone came out and supported us 100 percent throughout the whole conference and the NCAA conference," said senior guard Kerwin Forges. "The more support we have, the better we play."

"The players truly appreciate the band and the Prather Punks, who are phenomenal at showing their school spirit," Coach Mike McConathy added.

While some people view their victories as a shocker, these players insist that it was overdue.

Senior forward Clifton Lee was confident in the basketball team's return this season. "We had it on our minds to not come up short this season," he said.

Lee, who was chosen as MVP of the Southland Conference game against Sam Houston said, "This season definitely was a big accomplishment for me after having my heart complications freshman year."

Lee also considers the victory over McNeese as another memorable moment because it was the first game his father has watched him play.

The team considered their game against West Virginia an achievement in itself.

"I wasn't mad when we lost to West Virginia because we all played hard. The hardest part is knowing that we're going our separate ways," Mitchell said.

McConathy agrees that the team didn't play as well as they could have with numerous turnovers and a slack in defense against West Virginia.

However, he commends the Demons for their achievements and said, "It was a great experience and I wished it could've ended differently, but we're just grateful for getting that far."

Many of the players plan to pursue careers in basketball, either in coaching or continuing to play for a team.

One notable player is senior center Byron Allen, who is being scouted by the NFL for teams like the Cincinnati Bengals, Jacksonville Jaguars, and possibly the New Orleans Saints.

Allen, who has never played football during his college career, said he wants to continue playing basketball but will keep his options open.

The seniors agree that the Demons will need the continued support of their fans if they want to have another successful season.

"They've seen what it takes to be a winner and it will be up to them to keep up the tradition even with us losing so many players," McConathy said.

Mitchell advises the team to "Play together because we've set the bar higher for next year," and leaves these final words of encouragement, "Believe that you can make it far and nobody can take that away from you."



Chris Reich/the Current Sauce

At the 'homecoming' celebration for the NSU Demons men's basketball team on Thursday, any Demon fan was welcome to come and meet and greet the team as well as get autographs.

Phi Mu rocks Cane River with annual 'Bandstand'



Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce

By Leigh Gentry
Sauce Reporter

NSU's chapter of the Phi Mu Fraternity hosted its third annual "Rockin' On the River" Bandstand on Saturday.

Kellie Knopp, a freshman member of Phi Mu, fulfilled her one committee requirements by being on the Philanthropy Committee, in which she is very interested. She enjoyed being able to help out the kids at the Children's Miracle Network.

The entertainment consisted of seven groups: the Front Street Project, the band from NSU's Baptist Collegiate Ministry, C & D, Wicked Faith, The Entertainers, Kingdom's Fall, and Ryan Guidry and Dustin Landry.

Guidry took part in the entertainment on Saturday by singing some originals with the help of Landry on guitar; both are from Sulphur, LA.

"It's our first show, so we love that it is out of town and that people will hear us; we are making a weekend vacation of it," Landry said.

Guidry saw this show as the perfect opportunity to get his name and music heard while getting money to children in need.

Jered Baylor, the guitarist for the Entertainers, said that he decided to do the show out of loyalty to his hometown and out of support for the Children's Miracle Network.

He only wishes that the community would have come out to support the local bands and the cause more.

There was a smaller crowd at the concert this year, but Phi Mu was able to collect $1000 for the Children's Miracle Network by charging a $5 entry fee for all attendees.

"The bands did an awesome job, and we appreciate everyone who came out to support the CMN," said Knopp.

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Lets talk about... (April 3-6)

April 3 - "Faces of Meth" 11 -1 in the Student Union Lobby Come get a makeover by the Theatre Department to show the negative effects of the drug.

April 4 - "Massages from the WRAC Masseuses" 11-1 in the Student Union Lobby. Get a free massage from the skilled masseuses at the WRAC.

April 5 - "Poetry Reading" 12:30 p.m. in the Courtyard of Morrison. Come hear this poetry reading given by students and faculty here at NSU.

April 6 - "DUI Simulation" 2 p.m. between Kyser, Williamson and Sam Sibley Drive. See the naegative effects of Alchol and driving first person.

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to take a step back and understand that students are in the last stage of adolescent development.

Students are going to experiment. Students are going to break the rules and are going to push their boundaries.

I want to encourage our students to be good citizens, but I am not out to say that they can't learn from those experiences.

If they hurt other people and violate our code of conduct to a certain extent where they are not going to fit into our community, that's what I want to discourage; but I also want to be developmental in my approach to the code of conduct.

We have these rules, you need to learn how to abide within them, and if you don't, there are consequences.

I'm a firm believer in understanding the consequences before you walk into a situation so that you know what the outcome is going to be.

Codes of conduct are an opportunity for us to engage in a student, to help them learn what their responsibility is.

So, I am not one to say that a perfect campus is one where there is no deviant behavior.

MW: "It's not just handing out a punishment, the whole code of conduct is an educational process. That's what makes it different from a criminal code of conduct."

There are punishments listed in the code of conduct, but I believe that if you approach that as an educational counseling session, instead of only focusing on punishment, you can take the opportunity to change the behavior.

When I was at NSU teacher and administrators took chances on me, and it made the difference.

I was grateful for being able to learn from my mistakes. Teachers and administration at NSU took some chances and unconventional steps that changed my life.

I can't repay them today, but I can try to "pay it forward."

I want to take the same approach and hopefully make an impact on some students in the same way that I was touched.

CS: *The Division of Student Affairs focuses on students learning by doing. What plans would you have to encourage students to learn by doing?*

PM: I think that the SGA, SAB, the R.A. staff are perfect examples of students learning by doing.

I think you learn leadership you learn about government you learn about planning and programming and organizing and implementing and budgeting.

I think our primary student leadership organizations provide tons of opportunities for students to learn by doing.

In addition to that, I think we put out activities through student affairs all the time that provide students opportunities for learning opportunities, that provide faculty/student engagement opportunities.

I think that most everything that comes out of student affairs would probably fit into that category. I'd be harder pressed to tell you what didn't (fall into that category).

EM: Student life folks are very good at application. They know how to apply leadership skills, service skills, and how to help students.

Your chemistry professor can go to the rec folks and say "I want to teach my students about chemistry."

We can invest them down at the pool every morning for the course of the semester, taking samples and doing some work that has some real application involved with it.

You have to learn how to apply your work to the benefit of the community.

MW: We need to support and promote all of the academic organizations equally. If the Accounting Club is the only organization that a student decides to join, then we have to make sure that every opportunity is available to that student through that club.

We have to think on multiple levels of engaging students.

It's not just about the success of the SGA or SAB, we have to make sure students can grow in activities that parallel their major.

CS: *NSU students often don't take advantage of the many activities provided them. What would you do to increase student involvement in activities outside of class?*

PM: This is one of the biggest challenges because of the diversity of students here at NSU.

We have a residential demographic, a commuter demographic and an online demographic.

So "if the culture (on campus) is that you come; you take your classes; (then) you turn around and go home" it is tough to build that sense of community and that sense that the campus is your home.

Culture change doesn't occur over night but research and experience has shown a lot of schools that it can be done through creative means of engaging students.

Collaborative engagement where students hear messages through several different channels, that is the first step.

The second step is to get influential leaders on campus to encourage people to get involved, whether they are students or faculty.

Another important step is taking events directly to the students in their dorm, where they are more comfortable.

And, if student become more accustomed to being involved in campus activities in their dorms, they may be more inclined to participate in activities in more centralized locations later on.

These are things that we have already started to try here at NSU.

EM: Ultimately, you want to capitalize on why a student is here.

If a student doesn't know why they are here, then they are not going to know why they need to engage in the campus environment.

I have this dream of one day being able to offer a one-credit, one-weekend leadership course in which freshmen talk about responsibility, they talk about engaging in the environment.

Then they go out and actually do that, and at the end they have the opportunity to get involved in the Greek system, or organizations, or student government.

It helps move them from orientation into a middle of their first semester leadership conference, where they can build on the identity that they have established with the institution.

Everyone wants more people at their programs, but, ultimately, what the students want is for the institution to serve their needs.

So you have to find out their needs first and why they are there. Then capitalize on that.

MW: "Engagement in something is the key to a student's success. You're more likely to persist if you are involved in something outside the classroom."

We need to create a link between classroom and out-of-classroom activities.

One program I've implemented in the past is a way to recruit high school leaders early on.

We set up a conference for incoming freshman who were leaders in high school to come together and introduce them to programs at the university.

There were more likely to step up and be involved once they actually start at the university. We can show them that it's not an "uncool" thing to be involved in organizations on campus.

CS: *What other ideas do you have to make NSU a better place for students?*

PM: "Enhancing advising to more of a developmental advising model to where there is more of and awareness of what's available to students.

And it's much greater than scheduling; it's about advising and mentoring and referral systems with an awareness of the services that are available.

And I don't think that requires developing a lot of new stuff. I think it requires connecting some of the services we already have that work really well and packaging them differently to meet the student needs when they come on campus and have the student voice (heard) in that in terms of what their needs are each year that they go through."

We need to design a process that is meaningful to students.

It would be great if we could set up a process to let students know exactly what is required of them to advance in their fields of study (and) what internships, certifications and other procedures that they will have to go through.

This is the type of information that we need to make more accessible to students.

EM: My first impression of your campus, though, is that we can adjust the physical plant.

When I say physical plant, I mean the appearance of your buildings.

Curb appeal is important to me. When you walk into a place, you want to be proud of that place.

I think what would really impact students, besides curb appeal, is establishing an identity with Northwestern.

It has to be the most vital thing in their lives.

I have been exposed to institutions, especially coming from UCLA, where I grew up, where you walk through the door and you were proud to be there, and you didn't want to leave that place.

Shelia (Gentry) and I had lots of discussions about how your residential environment needs to adapt and how students need to feel part of Northwestern through that environment and through your Student Union.

MW: "I'm a facilities person."

The Student Union was built a long time ago, it has served this school well beyond what it was originally intended.

But I'd like to see some work and serving done to the building. I'm really happy to see the state of the WRAC and the recreation center, and utilizing those facilities to the capacity is an important goal.

I also think there are opportunities for growth in certain program areas for student engagement.

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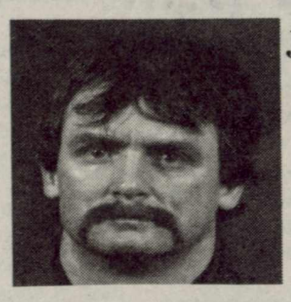
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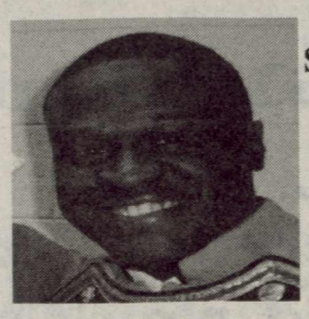
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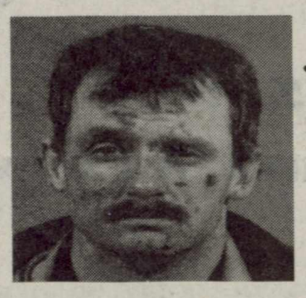


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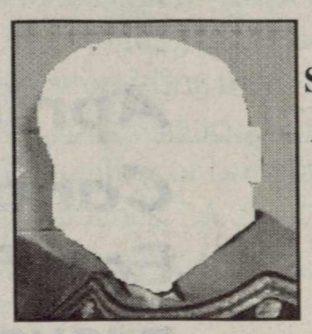


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Sherman Desselle ?

NSU student receives first online degree

By Natasha Anderson
Sauce Reporter

Kristin Shoemaker has never walked the halls of Kyser, attended a Demon basketball game, or grabbed a bite to eat from Vic's, but she will mark her place in NSU history when she becomes the first graduate with a psychology degree from the university's Electronic Continuing Education program.

After three years of taking the university's electronic program, eNSU, Shoemaker will graduate this spring with a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology.

The 21-year-old has been home-schooled most of her life and first discovered NSU's online degree after searching for online schools on the Internet.

"An online degree was the best option for me because I've been home-schooled, and I am used to working independently at home," Shoemaker said.

"I chose Northwestern because it was affordable, there were no out of state fees, and it was one of the few online universities that didn't require in state residency within a year of applying," she said.

While some students might find the idea of taking a complete online degree program overwhelming, Shoemaker found her experience to be an enjoyable one.

She found the features on Blackboard like the Discussion Board as helpful tools for her coursework.

However, Shoemaker lists the communication between the students and professors as one minor drawback in taking a complete online degree program.

Elizabeth Cole, who teaches online courses in statistics and trigonometry also finds a challenge in communicating with her students.

"It is difficult because you have to engage them in math without talking to them face to face," she said.

Cole said she doesn't see the challenge as a major setback.

"Internet courses are growing by leaps and bounds as it becomes more enticing to the internet-savvy generation coming up; the next step might be video lectures for the university's online program," she said.


Kristin Shoemaker

Although students are jumping on the idea of taking online degree programs, there are still some employers who show a preference for employees with a degree from a traditional university.

Patrick Partridge, vice president of marketing for Western Governors University, a virtual institution, said in an article from the September 2005 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, "any hiring manager, by simply being human, is going to be more comfortable with what they experienced than something new; employers have a certain level of fear of the unknown."

On the other hand, the application process takes into consideration a person's background, not just what type of degree they have.

This offers some hope for Shoemaker who is optimistic that her online degree will help her accomplish her career goals.

Darlene Williams, director of the Office of Electronic and Continuing Education, said, "Kristen's just as well prepared with her online degree and adequate GPA as any student who attends a traditional university."

Williams has also taken online courses at NSU and the University of Nebraska to complete her specialist degree.

She said she finds Shoemaker's story to be motivation for other students who have no other options for getting an education because of personal constraints.

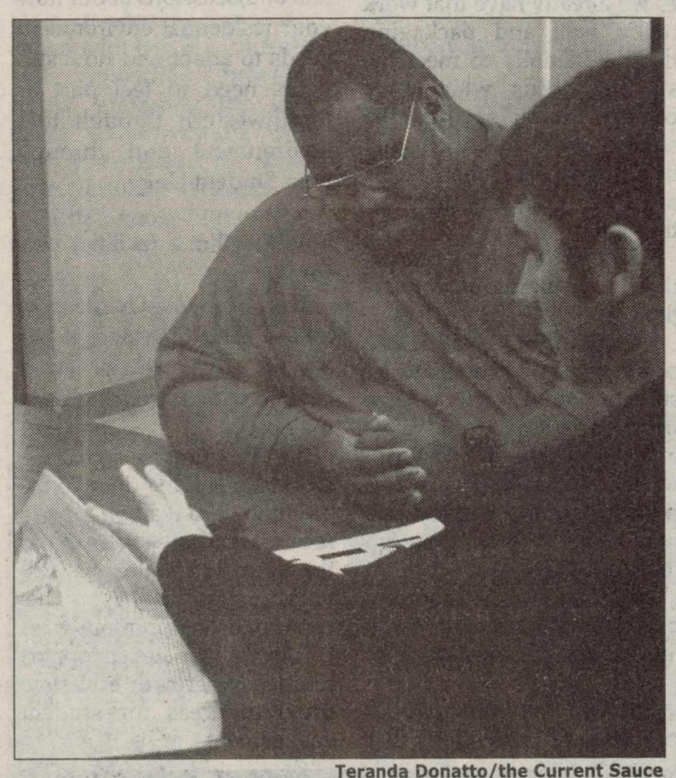
"She demonstrates that it is possible to get an online degree, which is a positive move for students in psychology as well as the other departments," Williams said.

Shoemaker's experience has had such an impact on her that she also wants to become a psychology professor for an online degree program at an institution.

She plans to attain a master's and a doctorate in psychology, which is not currently offered as an online degree program at NSU.

She has applied to the Master of Arts in Adult Education at eNSU.

NSU's Student Support Services awarded grant through 2009


Teranda Donatto/the Current Sauce
Scotty Dawson being tutored by Cody Cole in Science 2020.

By Kristen Alexander
Sauce Reporter

The NSU Student Support Services has been awarded a Student Support Services grant to further fund the services offered to 360 NSU students through the department.

The SSS services include academic advising, career and major counseling and advising, tutoring, instruction in academic critical thinking skills, research skills and career development skills.

The grant was awarded to 930 universities chosen from about 1400 applicants.

For students to be eligible to receive the opportunities offered by the SSS department, they must meet at least one of the following three requirements.

The first requirement is that the student comes from a low-income family.

The second is that the student be a first generation college student, meaning neither the student's mother nor father graduated from college with a bachelor's degree.

Third, the student must have some form of physical or learning disability.

Director of the Student Support Services Don Barker said, "The purpose is to identify and select 360 NSU students who meet the federal criteria for the program and to then provide intensive and intrusive academic and student services to help these students stay in college and graduate."

Barker explained that the grant is determined every four years, during which each university conducts a proposal of research to the Department of Education, validating its need for the program by showing the number of students throughout the university that have a need for the program.

Assistant director Steven Gruesbeck was responsible for producing NSU's proposal, which will be active for the next four years.

The proposal took Gruesbeck approximately six months to complete, with a total of 75 pages of research.

Barker said that nearly half of the grant is used to pay professional staff salaries. The rest is dispersed to student tutors as well as office managers and staff.

"About half of the student body meets the criteria but we are only allowed enough funding to serve about 360 students and two-thirds of those have to meet the two of the requirements," Barker said.

Once the students are selected to receive aid from the department, they are tutored by undergraduate students.

Tutors are chosen by having demonstrated expertise in certain subjects, providing letters of recommendations from faculty members and undergoing interviews.

Students are then given one semester to prove their motivation and seriousness about the program.

If they fail to contact the office, they are dropped from the active list in the department and another student is added, Barker said.

Nearly 90 percent of students helped by the services join in the summer before and early during the fall semester, largely being introduced during Freshman Connection, a program introducing new students to the school.

The remaining 10 percent join throughout the rest of the year.

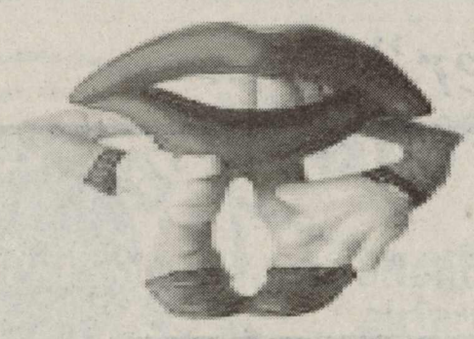
Each student is given approximately ten hours a week of tutoring, which is scheduled around the student's obligations and are held in private rooms in the SSS office.

"We study with the students as much of the core curriculum as we can with a little more emphasis in the sciences and mathematics because so many of our students struggle with these upper-level classes,"Barker said.

There are a total of 12 tutors at the Natchitoches campus and four at the Shreveport campus.

This year the SSS office is doing something different by making an exception to work with students from New Orleans who have been affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

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Failure is not an aspiration



By Raymond Billy, Jr.
Opinions Editor

An un-American trend has emerged from the war in Iraq: using the label "un-American" to silence those critical of the invasion and/or the way the war has been conducted.

I know that this is probably no surprise to most of you given the fact that we are three years into this war and ad hominem attacks have long been used to quiet anti-war sentiment going back further than Vietnam. But, what's different about the current use of this strategy is that it is undertaken in a manipulative, rather than direct, fashion.

The pro-Bush/war bullies understand that most Americans –including those who continue to support the war- are fair-minded people and will not allow dissenters to be demonized. So, instead, they have created an invisible line that separates legitimate dissent from anti-Americanism.

This sneak attack is carried out with the knowledge that many people will not criticize the war for fear of being lumped in with those who have crossed that line which distinguishes patriots from traitors.

The strategy that I'm talking about involves selling the idea that there is a significant number of Americans who are rooting for failure in Iraq. Right-wing pundits have used this tactic many times over the past three years.

In December 2005, conservative commentator and writer Morton Kondracke penned a column that clearly suggested the Democratic Party had crossed the line:

"With a few exceptions, the Democratic Party has put itself in the position of being invested in U.S. defeat in Iraq. The main body of party leaders seems so hostile to Bush and his policy that it wants to be vindicated by collapse."

First off, if Democrats were truly rooting for failure in Iraq, why is it that most of them haven't called for immediate withdrawal? Wouldn't it be in their interest to claim that staying is useless because the war has already failed?

Second, what basis is there to believe that the Democrats are critical of the war for political reasons instead of moral reasons? Maybe the party doesn't want to see more lives lost for a war whose rationale turned out to be invalid.

Unfortunately, Kondracke isn't the only person to employ this method of marginalization.

Less than six months prior to the 2004 presidential election, columnist Debora J. Saunders of the San Francisco Chronicle posed the question "how is America supposed to win in Iraq... when so many Washington leaders seem to be rooting for failure in Baghdad?"

She went on to claim that presidential candidate John Kerry "spent months undermining the coalition in order to bolster his own career." But what did criticizing the war do for Kerry other than re-invigorate old bitterness over his anti-Vietnam rhetoric and earn him the label of "flip-flopper"?

Saunders wants you to believe that Kerry criticized the war's direction because he was running for president. Forget the notion that he ran for president because he was genuinely skeptical about the direction of the war and thought he could direct it more competently.

Fox News' Bill O'reilly is by far the worst offender. He utilizes the "rooting for failure" smear more than anyone. O'reilly has frequently used his bully pulpit to insinuate that there is a large minority of Americans who would rather see troops die than see president Bush succeed.

In September 2003 O'reilly bloviated "there are some people actually rooting against the Bush administration for political purposes. They want to see chaos in Iraq. They want (the war) to fail so that the president won't be reelected and somebody else will."

Let me make something clear. I'm sure there are some fanatical partisans out there who hate president Bush so much that they are rooting for Iraq to fail. However, I doubt that one half of one percent of all Americans even fit this description.

Most Americans are not rooting against the war, but they do believe that it is time to consider ending the venture; they see it as a lost cause.

These are people whose friends and family members are serving in Iraq. They don't want to see their loved ones die for this ill-advised war.

Fortunately, this attack on legitimate skepticism hasn't hindered the American people from voicing their concerns. However, the right has won a new ally from the Democratic Party. The one and only Hillary Rodham Clinton has used the "rooting for failure" slur.

Earlier this year, while trying to justify her continued support of the Iraq war, Senator Clinton addressed those angry about her steadfastness, saying "no matter what one thinks about how President Bush used that authority (to go to war), we cannot root for failure," Clinton said. "We cannot take actions now that would further undermine whatever chance of stability the new Iraqi government might have."

I have to believe that Mrs. Clinton knows most dissenters are not rooting for failure. But, she believes that it is more important for a Democrat, especially a female, to prove how tough she is by positioning herself on the right of the Iraq debate.

It's ironic that some people are accusing Democrats of opposing the war for political gain, when clearly Clinton made that intellectually dishonest statement for selfish purposes. She probably thinks she has a better chance of winning over Republican voters (even those who now oppose the war) by supporting the Iraq cause than she will if she sides with the majority of the public who now believes the effort is not worth the cost.

"if Democrats were truly rooting for failure in Iraq, why is it that most of them haven't called for immediate withdrawal?"

Clearly this fascist strategy has had some success. Clinton isn't the only Democrat who has been intimidated by the right.

Appearing on "Larry King Live" during the 2004 Democratic National Convention, Senator Joseph Biden of Delaware expressed the dilemma Democrats find themselves in by criticizing the war effort.

"You can run the risk of getting to the point of sounding like you're rooting for failure. And that's the thin line."

The future of our presence in Iraq will be determined by two political parties, neither of which represent public sentiment on the war.

Raymond Billy, Jr. is a political science major

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Vote yes for better student media



By Lora Sheppard
Editor in Chief

As many of you have probably noticed, there are polls set up in the Student Union Lobby. Ergo, an election is upon us.

I am also sure that many of you are aware that Student Media is up for a student fee increase, which may seem superfluous to some students and outright ridiculous to others.

Well, now I'm going to explain how it's not.

Not only is there more up for student vote than just media (such as the SGA activity fee, intramurals, the rowing team and the artist series), but there are viable reasons why Student Media needs this fee increase so badly.

Keep in mind that on a whole, Student Media is voting to receive only an extra $5.50 total. That means Potpourri, The Current Sauce, Argus and KNWD. All together. Five bucks and a couple of quarters. Many of you probably pay more than that for lunch in Vic's.

The fee increase is very important to Student Media for several reasons, the first and foremost being that since budget cuts and the enrollment drop, student media budgets also dropped.

Which means that the publications may not be as interesting as some have been in the past.

If the fee increase isn't passed, we could be restricted to not only printing small papers, but also to smaller staffs, as it is difficult to recruit reporters and photographers if we don't have up-to-date equipment and the budget for scholarships.

It's very difficult to take pictures with cameras that have dying batteries, or laying out the paper on a program that consistently crashes.

These are problems which Sauce editors have become accustomed to, but that doesn't mean that we can't strive to change the status quo.

Much of the Sauce's budget currently comes from ad sales; the other media are not so lucky.

If the Potpourri doesn't receive the fee increase, it can become difficult to print the hardback books in full color, with great covers and tons of campus events. A fee increase may also mean a larger Argus or KNWD keeping the programs that many students enjoy.

Raising fees would also enable us to have a bit more freedom. Freedom of design, for one.

If you believe student media to be visually blasé and boring, keep in mind that due to current budgets, we don't have the money to choose more creative or visually-appealing designs.

This is why you haven't seen color at all this year in the Sauce.

Students in the media are struggling to do the best they can at covering the campus and Natchitoches, but we can only do so much with what we have.

Help us broaden our horizons. Help give us the ability to bring you media that you all can enjoy rather than scorn.

Not only is it cheap, but it can also help us tremendously. A little from every student goes a long way. If this passes, hopefully next year's media is something that NSU students can look on with pride instead of derision.

The deep end is not a bad place to be



By Aaron Pizani
Sauce Columnist

I've decided to just go crazy. I thought I'd give everyone a heads up on it, seeing as how I come in contact with you people every day.

I'm all about taking control of your lives, so instead of letting the small town environment, finals, or some quarter-life crisis drive me crazy, I'll go ahead and do it myself.

Is crazy a bad thing? What is crazy anyway? I'd tell you what Webster's dictionary has to say about it, but just like how video killed the radio star, the Internet killed Webster.

Dictionary.com calls crazy "affected with madness; insane," but crazy is relative. Walking up stairs in high heels is crazy. So is flying planes into buildings. Maybe crazy is too ambiguous of a word to be effective.

How about honesty, just plain, down and dirty honesty? Some of the craziest people I've met are really just honest people. They're brutally honest about what they want, what they think and, most importantly, who they are.

In this context, I think we could use more crazy people around town. Natchitoches, quite honestly, is boring. So here are a few "crazy" projects I'm starting just for the heck of it.

I'm trying to randomly meet people and make friends. Great friendships seem to happen organically, but that's too boring for me.

I'm starting a project to see if it's possible to go out into the world and meet someone who is remotely interesting and try to make friends with him or her. Think of it as a real world MySpace. You know, it's how people used to do it before the Internet got involved.

"Some of the craziest people I've met are really just honest people. They're honest about what they want, what they think and, most importantly, who they are"

In fact, isn't that basically what Jesus did? He just wandered around collecting fishermen, tax collectors and prostitutes and just hung out with them, maybe busting out a new parable every now and then. I may not call myself a Christian, but I can't argue with the fact that Jesus was cool.

My next project is to go out and find another job. I don't need another job, I just want to go through the interview process, waste these poor people's time, and see what I can get away with. "I'm going to need to wear my underwear on the outside of my pants on Wednesdays. Would that be a problem?"

A future project I'm going to deal with is attempting to join the Student Government Association.Don't get me wrong, I've got some ideas that I think would help students have a good college experience and all that nice political stuff, but really I just want to see what goes on in there.

The SGA seems quiet this semester. Too quiet. Creepy quiet. Where are the arguments? Where are the dramatic letters to the editor and crazy ideas to solve the traffic problems? How about another contested election?

In my opinion, if the SGA isn't dramatically arguing about something, they aren't doing a good enough job. It's their job to keep things running and serve the students, of course, but their unofficial job is also to entertain us.

These projects aren't for any scientific or social purpose. They simply send a message to the ambiguous entity we call "Natchitoches." That message is "I'm bored as hell, and I'm not going to take it anymore!"

Aaron Pizani is an art major.

Letters to the Editor

Alumnus give take on Pizani

Aaron,

I just had an opportunity to read a couple of your articles for the first time tonight, and I can tell a couple of things right off the bat: 1) you are probably used to being the smartest person in the room (this is a good thing); 2) you probably look for love among the theater majors (also a good

thing); and 3) you are not emotionally engaging the subjects that you write about. While the reader is able to see how smart you are, they may not get a sense of why they care to keep reading.

I am writing this to you because (again with the nubers): 1) I have the flu and there's nothing I like more than visiting my old undergraduate school's website when I feeling lousy; 2) I used to write for the Current Sauce (pre-email if you believe that); and 3) you have potential.

Great writing is something you can taste and smell - it stays with you and it comes back to haunt you.

Everyday I find myself around people from all over the world - except Japan it seems. We go to church together, they work in my company with me, we enjoy the same grocery stores and restaurants...some of my favorite places to eat and shop are where English is not spoken.

It seems I will never be able to learn every language spoken around me, I can think of 20 off-hand, so instead I navigate my cosmopolitan world with a hearty sense of humor and a boat-load of questions.

I've never managed to miss a meal, flirt with a young lady, or befriend someone from a different place.

There's a whole world at there, Aaron, and your time in Natchitoches might

get a laugh or two but I consider it one of my valuable experiences in my life. You can get a great education at NSU - you just have to want it more. Princeton University produces some of the greatest scholars in the world, and then the other 90% fall into the categories of: total waste of money to educate such a block-head, and... giggle-giggle...sunbeams coming through the clouds... look at the pretty bunnies.

The only reason the 90% don't end up as hood arnaments is that the 10% really are that important.

It was very nice chewing your ear off tonight. If you see Alex Aichinger

around tell him Philip Wolfe said "Hi - and Why can't we get ONE decent Supreme Court Justice?"

Thank you,
Philip Wolfe

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Demons down Ragin' Cajuns

NSU returns to action tomorrow against Dallas Baptist in a two-game series

Courtesy of Sports Information

NSU made it 2-and-0 against Louisiana-Lafayette on the season after downing the Ragin' Cajuns 7-5 in baseball action Wednesday night.

The game was a late addition to the season after both teams had early-season rainouts. ULL will visit NSU at 6:30 Tuesday and again on May 3 before the Demons close out the season series with the Ragin' Cajuns at ULL on May 16.

The win, which was the second straight for the Demons as they improve to 14-13 on the season, was also the second against ULL. NSU blanked the Ragin' Cajuns 2-0 back on Mar. 5 in the final game of the ULL Invitational. ULL falls to 12-11 on the year.

NSU starting pitcher Fraser Robinson picked up the win in running his record to 4-1 on the year. Robinson tossed 5 1/3 innings allowing three runs – one earned – on six hits with two walks and a strikeout. Robinson was also the winner over ULL in the Mar. 5 contest after throwing eight shutout innings and allowing just six hits.

The Demons finished with seven hits in the game, led by Michael Palermo's 3-for-4 showing at the plate. Michael Flower had the game-winning hit in the sixth inning – a three-run triple that gave the Demons a 5-3 lead.

After falling behind 3-0 in the first inning, the Demons cut the lead to 3-2 in the top of the fifth on a Marty Dewees double that scored Scott Pittenger and Palermo.

Brandon Morgan led off the sixth with a single through the left side then moved to second on a sac bunt by Bobby Barbier. Barbier reached first on bad throw by ULL pitcher Jeff Martinez.

Ben Rodriguez's sac bunt advanced Morgan and Barbier to second and third and Knox McCorquodale walked to load the bases to lead up to Flower's triple. The Demons took a 7-3 lead after Pittenger knocked in Flower before the inning ended.

ULL came back with two runs in the seventh to cut the lead to 7-5 but bullpen work from Robby Madsen and Russell Dorton was superior to the ULL bats as the two combined to throw the final 2.2 innings allowing just one hit and no runs. Dorton picked up his first save on the season after retiring the only four batters he faced.

The Demons will return to action on Friday when they step out of Southland Conference play for a two-game series at Dallas Baptist.

Demon Baseball

Dates and times of remaining homegames

- April 4 - ULL, 6:30 p.m.
- April 7 - Texas State, 6:30 p.m.
- April 8 - Texas State, 2 p.m.
- April 9 - Texas State, 1 p.m.
- April 18 - Arkansas - Little Rock, 3 p.m.
- April 28 - Nicholls, 6:30 p.m.
- April 29 - Nicholls, 2 p.m.
- April 30 - Nicholls, 1 p.m.
- May 3 - ULL, 6:30 p.m.
- May 6 - Lamar, 1 p.m.
- May 6 - Lamar, 3 p.m.
- May 7 - Lamar, 1 p.m.
- May 18 - ULM, 6:30 p.m.
- May 19 - ULM, 6:30 p.m.
- May 20 - ULM, 2 p.m.

Source: www.nsudemons.com

Vote for NSU to win 100K scholarship from Pontiac

By Lane Luckie
Sauce Reporter

The NSU Men's Basketball team may have lost in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, but still have a chance to become big winners.

NSU's game-winning three-point shot in the first round match against the Iowa Hawkeyes could win the university over $100,000 in scholarship money.

The last second upset is among the four notable moments of this year's NCAA Tournament competing in the "Pontiac Game Changing Performance" contest.

The promotional allows fans to select a memorable moment from each round of the tournament. A $5,000 contribution, which NSU has already won, would go into the general scholarship fund of the school winning each round.

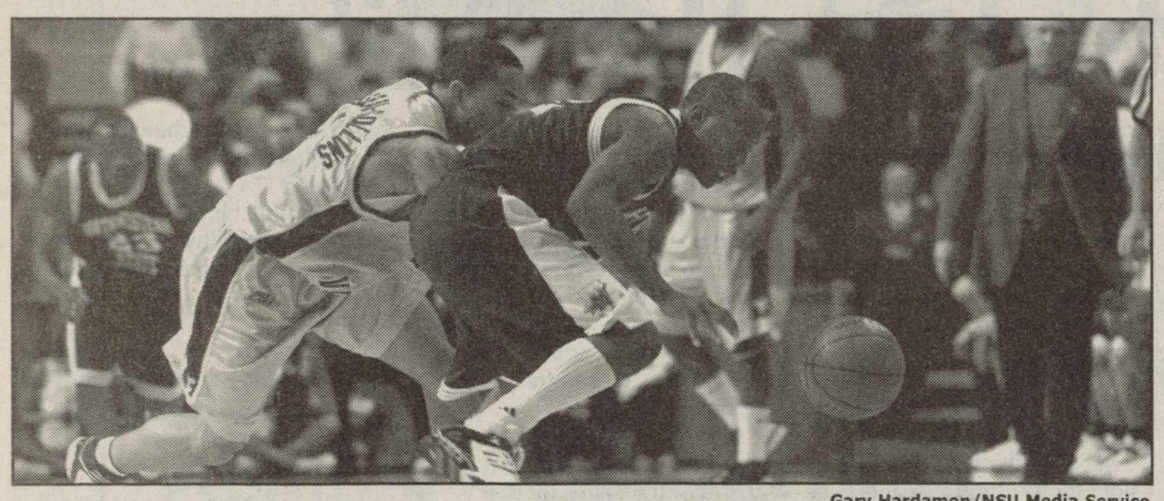
Pontiac will contribute a $100,000 prize to the winner of the last round. Jermaine Wallace's buzzer-beater will pit NSU against other finalists LSU, Texas, and UCLA.

NSU Athletic Director Greg Burke said the contest makes NSU a winner regardless of the outcome.

"The publicity and recognition for winning one or both of these Pontiac Game Changing Performances would be lagniappe to the immeasurable national exposure that the NSU men's basketball program has already generated for the University," he said. "The win over Iowa made the front of the sports page in countless newspapers across the country.

After the game, Head Coach Mike McConathy was in demand on radio talk shows coast-to-coast, and local television sports segments that reached millions of viewers."

Fans have until midnight on Saturday, April 1 to vote online at www.NCAASports.com/Pontiac for their favorite "Game Changing Performance." The overall winner will be announced prior to the Final Four championship game on April 3.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service
Junior guard Luke Rodgers dribbles to pass a West Virginia player in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Hayward, Fillinich pull through at Ole-Miss

Courtesy of Sports Information

NSU track and field standouts Ravyn Hayward and Cody Fillinich won their specialties with NCAA Regional qualifying marks last Saturday at the Ole Miss Duel Meets competition.

Hayward registered a 10.44 time in winning the 100 meter dash. Fillinich, an All-American as a freshman last year, threw the javelin 218-0 to win and set stadium and meet records.

Women's javelin All-American Samantha Ford also posted an NCAA Regional qualifying mark with her 144-1 throw that also bettered stadium and meet records, but she settled for third in a tightly-packed competition won by Hana Prudilova of Southern Mississippi at 149-0.

Chad Leath gave NSU one of its four second-place finishes with a 54.54 clocking in the 400 meter hurdles. He notched one of NSU's four third places with a 14.90 time in the 110 meter hurdles.

Also taking second from NSU were Shanae Steward in the women's 100 meter hurdles (14.07), followed immediately by teammate Tameshia Miller (14.09). Raquel Washington of USM won in a blazing 13.32 time.

Naumy Bor gave the Lady Demons second in the 5000 (18:13.18), topped only by Whitney Kerth of Arkansas-Little Rock (17.32.57). Teammate Abby Salomon was fifth for NSU in 18:47.91.

The Demons' 4x100 relay team, anchored by Hayward, ran second in 41.63.

Stephen Kemei ran third in the 800 meters (1:56.32), three seconds behind the winning time by Stephen Lavalua of South Alabama. Kemei took fifth in the 1500 in 4:04.79.

Steward was fourth in the women's triple jump (37-1 3/4), one of six fourth places by the Lady Demons. Miller was fourth in the women's long jump (18-9 3/4), Cassandra Krell took fourth in the high jump (5-5), Rachel Hoffman was fourth in the 400 meter hurdles (1:04.33), and Deidra Truss was fourth in the women's 200 (24.73) and ran the anchor leg on the fourth-place 4x100 relay team (46.79).

For the Demons, fourth places also came by Micheal James in the 400 meter hurdles (55.84), Derrion Harris in the high jump (6-6 3/4) and Corey Jones in the shot put (48-6). Jones was fifth in the discus (154-4).

Football scrimmage on Saturday morning

Courtesy of Sports Information

NSU is missing so many interior linemen due to injuries that the Demons will go through a shorter-than-planned intersquad spring football scrimmage Saturday morning in Turpin Stadium, but to some degree, that's good news, said coach Scott Stoker.

"None of the injuries are major. Nobody should miss any time in August. We're limited in some of the things we can do now because we only have so many guys up front, but on the other hand, this is giving a lot more opportunity to some younger players who will be ready to play for us quicker than they otherwise might have been," Stoker said.

The Demons will have a 30-35 play scrimmage at the end of their practice Saturday morning, with the scrimmage starting about 10:15 in Turpin Stadium, he said. It will be the 11th practice of 15 spring workouts for NSU.

"It's frustrating not having so many of our top players, but looking at the big picture this will make us a stronger team next fall," said Stoker.

"In a lot of cases, we're without guys who already have proven they can play winning football for us, some of our top players like Derrick Doyle, Ed Queen and Tory Collins. Giving younger players like Shayne Magee and Kendall Rodrigue and Scott Wattingly more time now will pay off for us later."

Among the injuries is a broken tip on the right thumb of projected starting quarterback Ricky Joe Meeks, who may not be able to complete spring drills when the Demons stage the 17th annual Joe Delaney Bowl next Saturday afternoon. Sophomore walk-on Roch Charpentier has sparkled in his place, said Stoker.

"He's got some bounce in his step out there and he's doing a real good job executing," said Stoker, noting the Lafayette-Teurlings Catholic product is 20 for 27 for 225 yards and four touchdowns in two spring scrimmages.

"He's been a real pleasant surprise. If Ricky Joe didn't get hurt, Roch would still be challenging him. It will be a good competition in fall camp."

Among the other young players emerging, said Stoker, are offensive linemen Marcus Washington and Troy Phan, linebacker Darious Perkins, Blake Delcambre and Mack Dampier and tailback Patrick Earl. Former tailback Anthony Holmes has also shined in his move to linebacker.

"You would love to have avoided the injuries, but there's no question we've seen progress, leaps and bounds, from some guys taking advantage of the situation," said Stoker.

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Courtesy Gary Hardamon

Jermaine Wallace gets mobbed by his teammates after making the winning shot against Iowa. This shot was put into a poll to gain the university money for a scholarship fund.

NSU wins big money

By Lela Coker & Natasha Anderson
Sauce reporters

Aim...shoot...CHA-CHING! That's the sound of Jermaine Wallace's game winning three pointer that led the Demons to a 64-63 win over Iowa and a $100,000 contribution to NSU's general scholarship fund.

The results of the "Pontiac Game Changing Performance" were announced Monday night during the pregame show of the NCAA National Championship game.

In addition to the $100,000, NSU received $5,000 for being a finalist in the contest, along with UCLA, LSU and University of Texas. Chevrolet added another $2,000 with two "Player of the Game" awards given to senior Clifton Lee in the first game and junior Keenan Jones in the second game.

Fans had the chance to vote for their favorite game changing performance online last week.

Athletic Director Greg Burke said, "I'm so excited that everyone in our community, campus and nationwide took time to vote." Burke added that the emails sent to students reminding them to vote played a huge role in the outcome.

"I received the email and voted for the team and forwarded it to about 20 more people and asked them vote too," freshman Fletcher Johnson said. "It really put more Northwestern on the map and gets people looking at our school. It will especially help in recruiting in all sports."

NSU received 70 percent of fan votes and got more votes than the other three finalists combined.

In a student messenger email from Doug Ireland, Sports Information Director, Dino Bernacchi, advertising manager for Pontiac, said, "what just amazes us is that your university can't be one-tenth the size of the other finalist, but got six times as many votes as the second-place entry."

Burke, who considers college athletics to be the "front porch for the university," also said that the basketball team not only accomplished a great task in earning money or the school but gained great exposure for the university.

One person who is truly proud of the exposure is Wallace.

"Every emotion ran through my head when I made that shot," Wallace said. "I literally felt like I was on cloud nine."

Wallace displays the team spirit the Demons pride themselves on by saying, "I don't just look at my shot as the biggest accomplishment. Everyone played an important role in getting this far."

"The focus of the coverage and attention from national media has been on a remarkable individual whose principles and integrity are superior and have been exposed to the nation, and that is Coach Mike McConathy," Ireland said. "Even more importantly the young men on the team demonstrated the words and actions McConathy and his staff has passed along to the team."

More recognition was given to NSU when they appeared in the "One Shining Moment" video, which is used to conclude the playoffs. NSU had more coverage in the three-minute video than LSU and George Mason.

"It was a unique opportunity that was capitalized on by what goes on each and everyday in our men's basketball problem" Ireland said. "They became an overnight sensation that people in the media enjoyed and appreciated. They recognized the opportunity for what it was and put their best foot forward."

Media fee increase results are in

By Kristen Alexander
Sauce reporter

The Student Government Association held elections March 29 and 30 where four proposals were passed by the student body.

Michael Allen Sypert, president of SGA, said the organization has been working to pass these changes to the constitution all year.

They had to first get approval from the University of Louisiana System Board and then conduct the election for the student body, Sypert said.

Two of the four referendums were simply regarding word changes to the SGA constitution.

Shayne Creppel, freshman class senator, said the first word change deals with a voting procedure change within the senate of the Media Board.

The Media Board no longer has to gain approval from the SGA or entire student body when changing a rule.

Voting totals for the legislation ended with 215 yes and 63 no.

The next word change deals with a change in the emergency status of the Constitution.

Before, when legislation was passed it was set-aside for a week before being observed unless it was considered an emergency by the president

Now with this new law passed, the senate can vote to make legislation an emergency instead of waiting to be considered by the SGA president.

Voting for this law ended with 222 for it and 57 against.

The third referendum deals with budget increases for 12 media organizations.

The increase in media fees affected the following organizations: Artist Series 0.75, SGA $2, Potpourri $1, Current Sauce $2, Rargas 0.50, KNWD $2, Union Board Drama 0.50, Intramural Sports 0.50, Student Union Program $1, Alumni fee 0.50, Distinguished Lecture Program $1.25, and the Rowing Team $1.

This change only affects full-time students, totaling to a $13 - dollar increase in the fall and a $12 – dollar increase in the spring.

"A lot of these budgets have been the same for 20 years and things just cost more than they used to. Some of these budgets pay for things such as scholarships and the printing press so we thought the increase was needed, and basically it just covers the inflation fees," Sypert said.

Voting total for this legislation ended with 229 yes and 62 no.

The final proposal voted on by the student body deals with reorganization of the Media Board and whether or not the SGA should continue to have as much power and say when it comes to decisions that must be made by the Media Board.

"The SGA has always had a lot of influence on the media board dealing with things such as choosing editors, etc. and we didn't think the Government should be so involved," Sypert said.

With vote stating that the SGA's influence on the board should be taken away, the SGA no longer agrees or disagrees on issues of the Media Board, Crepple said.

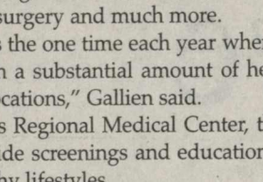
The SGA will now be a self-assessed committee with positions appointed by departmental advisers.

Voting total ended with 219 yes and 57 no.

Shantel Wempren, vice president and president elect of the SGA, said, "I think students will see more things happening here. They will see results immediately. It's going to be bigger, better and a lot more of student stuff," Wempren said.

"It will be beneficial to the students. So many people are receiving a little piece of this. It will have an impact on everyone that goes to NSU. We have more resources to do bigger things."

Campus Connections



The Current Sauce welcomes submissions for **Campus Connections**, a free service to organizations planning events that will be open to NSU students.

Bring **Connections** to **Kyser 225G**, or e-mail them to **thecurrentsauce@gmail.com**. Please include a name and telephone number. We reserve the right to refuse any **Connection**.

HealthFest 2006

NSU will host HealthFest 2006 on April 20 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Prather Coliseum.

"The purpose of HealthFest is to create awareness and to educate the Natchitoches community regarding various health issues," said Dr. Tara Gallien, HealthFest director. "The health fair provides access to a variety of medical screenings useful in assessing a participant's risk for specific diseases and health conditions."

Screenings include: lipid profile, blood glucose, blood pressure, diabetic foot screening, lung capacity, strength and flexibility assessment and a vision screening.

Additional assessments will be offered for balance and coordination, body fat and BMI, posture and stroke impairment.

In addition, participants can receive information on health topics including fitness, weight control, nutrition, drug use, domestic violence, cancer, depression, eating disorders, diabetes, heart disease, Medicare changes (part D), Medicaid program, stress management, women's health, self-protection and security, organ donation, tobacco free living, CPR and first aid, child abuse and protection, reconstructive surgery and much more.

"This is the one time each year when members of the community can obtain a substantial amount of health information in one convenient locations," Gallien said.

Rapides Regional Medical Center, the event's corporate sponsor, will provide screenings and educational materials related to health and healthy lifestyles.

For more information, contact Gallien at (318) 357-5199 or e-mail her at tarag@nsula.edu.

Sociology scholarship applications

Applications are being accepted through May 5 for the Marion Loftin Scholarship in Sociology at NSU.

The $500 per semester scholarship is available to current or incoming sociology majors at NSU.

Continuing sociology majors must have an overall grade point average of 3.0 to be eligible to apply.

Entering freshmen must declare sociology as their major and have a minimum composite ACT score of 21.

John Hillebrand, sociology program coordinator at NSU, said grade point averages will be ranked and used to narrow down the final choices to those most qualified.

More than one scholarship may be awarded during an academic year.

Recipients may continue to receive the scholarship if they continue their good academic record as sociology majors.

Loftin was a 1935 graduate of Louisiana State Normal College (NSU) and went on to earn a master_s degree at Louisiana State University and a doctorate at Vanderbilt University.

NSU's Research Day

One graduate and one undergraduate NSU student will get the chance to each win $500 for their research which will be decided on April 18 during the NSU Research Day.

Research Day is an event that allows faculty and students to share their research with the university, and local community.

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs said they have more than 70 research presentations scheduled this year

In order to qualify for the awards students must present a research project at Research Day, and a faculty member must nominate the student and sponsor their presentation.

Carla Howell, associate director of research and sponsored programs, said "We are trying to promote undergraduate and graduate students to be more involved in research."

Howell said that they are hoping the awards will make students attend Research Day.

We've got a great response and everyone is excited," Howell said.

Local Weather Forecast

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Political consultants spoke about using blogs as 'early warning systems'

By Kelli Fontenot
Sauce Reporter

A group of political consultants knows that blogs can hurt their candidates, but they are learning to use them as an "early warning system" for future press stories.

Political blogs are popping up all over the Internet, and finding information about what the voters think of a candidate is as easy as typing his name into the Google search bar.

Some reporters have even begun using political blogs as sources for news stories, and political consultants are jumping on the bandwagon to prevent further confusion among voters.

On Tuesday afternoon, the School of Social Sciences and the Department of Journalism presented a Newsmakers and Shakers forum featuring four political consultants that have provided advice and guidance for senators, politicians and governors throughout the United States.

Greg Granger, associate professor of political science at NSU, was the moderator.

Raymond Strother, who has been a prominent media producer, consultant for governors, and campaign manager for members of the U. S. House of Representatives, was one of the speakers at the forum. Stother is also a published author.

Wayne Johnson, the president of Johnson/Clark political consultants, Nancy Todd Tymer, president of a Las Vegas consulting firm and Anthony Fazio, president of the California Direct Mail marketing company, also participated on the panel.

Granger asked the panelists how they think blogging is affecting political campaigns, which spawned a discussion about censorship and responsibility on the Internet.

Strother said, "I'm always worried when someone wants to regulate free speech in any way, at any time, in any place, and so I think without free press, without free speech, you don't have a democracy."

Johnson said the biggest problem with political blogs is accountability. Johnson said his firm in California now tracks blog traffic and quantifies it to be able to determine how many stories are being written about an issue or candidate.

In one case, an accusation about one of Johnson's candidates appeared in a blog written by a man in Massachusetts.

"I tracked the thing down and it made it into two press stories," said Johnson. "I called up the reporter and I said, 'There's some guy in his underwear in Massachusetts at two in the morning who wrote this and you carried it the next day as a legitimate news story? And he has no source, and he's your source!'"

When false information about one of Johnson's clients appears on the Internet, Johnson uses what he calls his "automatic strategy," which involves a conference call with political press involved in the race.

The firm puts the candidate on the line and allows him to defend himself and fix the damage.

"We learned that after the one paper ran it in Massachusetts," Johnson said.

Fazio said after a certain amount of time, people will realize blogs are not a reliable place to retrieve political information.

"Blogging is a relatively new phenomenon," Fazio said. "As people get used to reading it or hearing about it, you've got to consider the source."

The political consultants' concerns are that blogs mislead voters as well as reporters.

A newspaper may take a story from a blog and use it as a source, so Johnson considers blogs an "early warning system."

NSU Police Blotter

3/30/06
12:17 a.m.
One student called to report a disturbance in the lobby of Bossier Hall. The apparent cause of the incident was another student refusing to remove his foot from a chair.

2:26 a.m.
University Police and the Natchitoches Fire Department responded to a false fire alarm. Someone had pulled the alarm in building one. Police also noted the building's south gate entrance was broken.

3/31/06
8:50 a.m.
A car behind the elementary school was covered in silly string.

6:20 p.m.
Someone who launched a boat onto Chaplain's Lake was told to leave.

4/1/06
6:44 a.m.–7:12 a.m.
Seven vehicles parked near the track were discovered to have been burglarized or vandalized.

4/2/06
7:14 p.m.
A man threw a bucket of water on a worker who asked him to leave the pool area.

4/3/06
6:20 p.m.
An officer stopped a group of people who were swimming in Chaplain's Lake.

4/4/06
7:46 p.m.
Prudhomme Hall called to report a broken window that was caused by a baseball.

David Dinsmore

Student tech fees help to fund new initiatives

By Chris Reich
Sauce Reporter

The Student Technology Advisory Team grants allow organizations and departments to purchase equipment they would not have normally been able to afford.

The STAT grant was started in 1998 when students voted to allow $5 for every semester hour, up to 20 hours, to be assessed in the fall to go toward a fund for each department, which can later be used for grants.

The grants are filled from the STAT fund which is about $200,000 each year, said Jennifer Long, director of student technology.

"We never get below 20 (grants a year) and we always get anywhere from 25 to 40," Long said.

Any money left over is added to the surplus fund, which helps to supplement the yearly grant fund.

The surplus also allows the STAT committee to look at grants that were not funded originally and other initiatives that the committees want to fund, Long said.

This school year, the STAT grant funded many initiatives, totaling just over $200,000.

These include upgrading the "fishbowl" computer lab in the library, a computer lab, intelligent lights in the theater department and three multimedia smart classrooms at Fort Polk.

The grant money is available to any department or organization that will use it for the benefit the student body.

The organization or department only has to write the grant and have previous approval from Information Systems if required.

Any networking issues have to be resolved before the grant can even be approved.

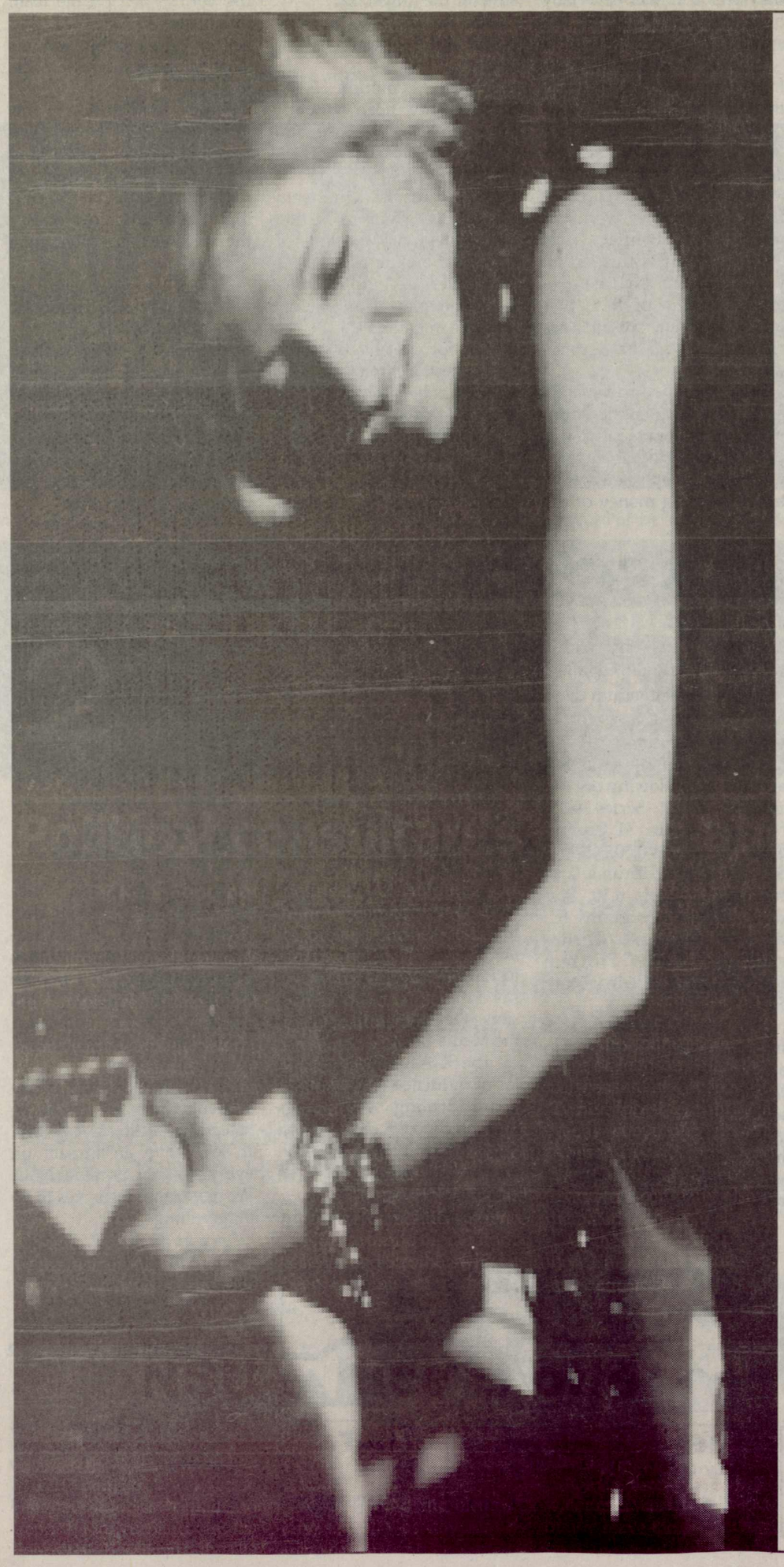
"There has to be a need, it has to fit within the scope of the university," Long said. "All of this will be seen, it may be in a particular department and the students of that department will see it more than others because of the different departments, but all of it will be visually seen by the students."

What the fees will be used for

- Testing got computers
- Military science got a digital camera
- Nursing a computer lab
- Library: instructional got a projector and a laptop "Fishbowl" got a new lab
- A computer for checkouts in serials and media division
- Mark Thompson in capa received two Apple computers for audio and video editing
- Student personel services got observation equipment
- Fort polk got 3 multimedia/smart classrooms, a laptop for presentations, software for systems already there, 3 additional computers for the science lab, interactive software for science lab, upgraded vending for one card
- Argus got a printer and cartridges
- Student support got 3 comptuesr, a printer, a swipe card reader
- Theatre got intelligent lighting spotlights, computer lab

Source: Jennifer Long, director of student technology

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NSU hosts first Human Rights Film Festival

By Kera Simon
Sauce Reporter

NSU's first Human Rights Film Festival was created to raise awareness of human rights issues and will take place in the Student Union Lobby April 17 to 20.

The thirteen documentaries will be shown on the television screens in the lobby from 8 a.m. to around noon on each day.

The movies range from Hurricane Katrina to the genocide in Rwanda to women's struggles.

The times differ from only 13 minutes long for one, and then 74 minutes for another.

Alexis Aichinger, associate professor of political science, said the movies will be borrowed from the New Orleans Human Rights Film Festival, which was held on April 6.

Tory Pegram, education director for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), contacted NSU in order to expand the project, Aichinger said.

The documentaries are usually loaned to universities only in New Orleans, but this year it was expanded to include NSU, Aichinger said.

The Human Rights Film Festival is sponsored by the NSU School of Social Sciences, in conjunction with the American Democracy Project.

The schedule is as follows as according to the Social Science department.

Monday, April 17

•8 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. Finding Common Ground in New Orleans (23 min.)- Interviews with residents, survivors, activists, volunteers and officials during and after Hurricane Katrina to spotlight the social injustice that took place.

•8:45 a.m.- 9:40 a.m. SOMA: An anarchist therapy (49 min.)- A documentary by Nick Cooper follows Roberto Freire, an anarchist who survived the Brazilian dictatorship. Freire established a movement called Soma Therapy that fights the psychological effects of authoritarianism.

•10 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Rights on the Line: Vigilantes at the Border (13 min.)- portrays human rights violations along the U.S/ Mexico border, predominantly by the Minutemen.

•10:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. People Say (9 min.)- A visual collage that shows the struggles of rebuilding New Orleans set to the song "People Say."

•11 a.m.-11:30 a.m. The Abortion Diaries (30 min.)- Presents abortion stories by twelve diverse women at a "dinner party." The audience can hear what women say behind closed doors about love, sex, motherhood, careers, medical technology, spirituality and their own bodies.

•11:45 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Rwanda, In Remembrance(Rwanda, Pour Memoire) (45 min.)- This documentary about the genocide that took place in Rwanda produced to avoid its repetition.

Tuesday, April 18

• 8 a.m.- 9 a.m. With Blood (56 min.)- Follows ordinary people trying to gain routine healthcare in the Palestinian West Bank and Gaza Strip despite extraordinary obstacles, such as political policies and military actions.

•9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. Women in Struggle (56 min.)- Documents the struggles of Palestinian women during their years of imprisonment in Israeli jails.

•10:30 a.m.- 12 p.m. The Education of Shelby Knox (76 min.)- A self-proclaimed virgin till marriage becomes an advocate for comprehensive sex education when she learns that her town, where high schools teach abstinence as the only option, has the highest rates of teen pregnancy and STDs in the state.

Wednesday April 19

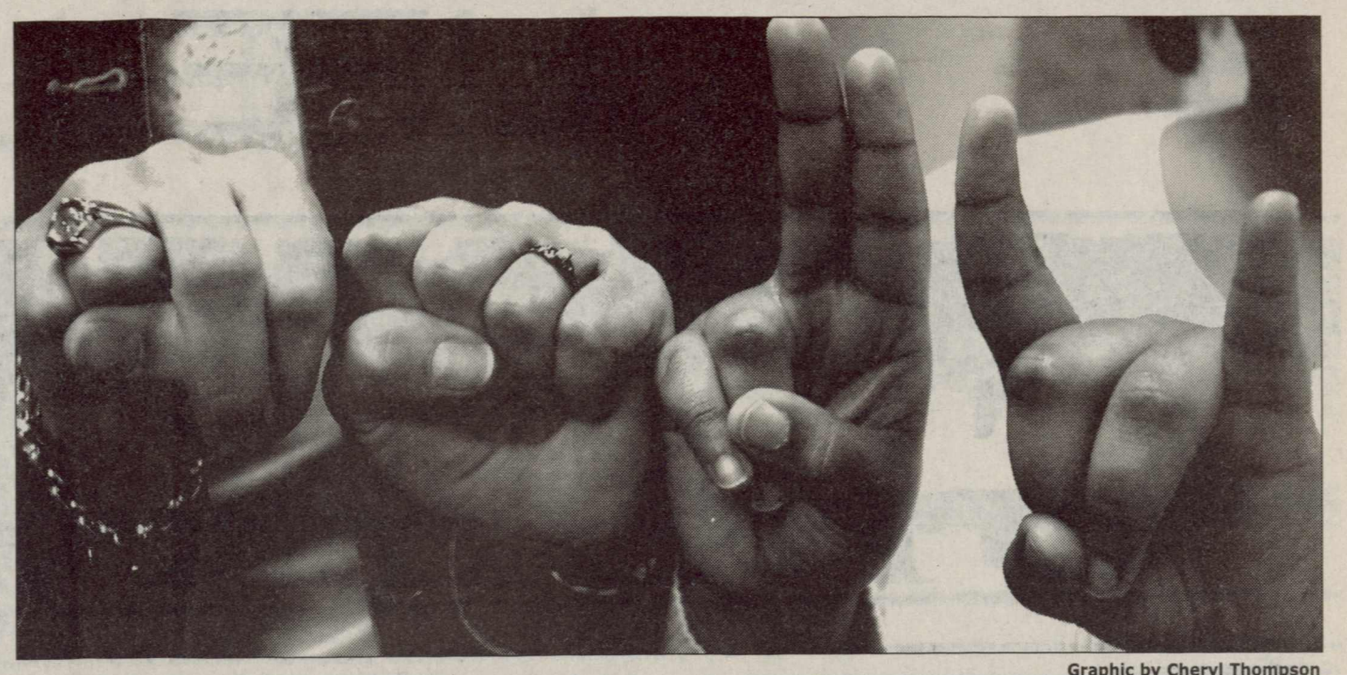
•8 a.m.- 9:20 a.m. Quilombo Country (74 min.)- Portrays rural communities that were created by runaway slaves or began from abandoned plantations in Brazil.

•9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Cruel Tales of War (Contes Cruels de la Guerre) (52 min.)- The wars of contemporary Africa shown through the eyes of a fighter. The narrator, destroyed by drugs and alcohol, tries to stop the influences that push him and his companions to lose their human dignity.

•10:45 a.m.- 12 p.m. Drowned Out (90 min.)- An Indian family decides to stay and drown at home rather than move for the Narmada Dam.

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• 8a.m. –8:45 a.m. Democracy's Ghosts: How 5 Million Americans Have Lost the Right to Vote (34 min.)- Documentary that travels around the U.S. to interview those who are living as legal ghosts because of their past felony convictions.



Graphic by Cheryl Thompson

Students learned how to sign "NSU" and "Fork'em." Students attended a class to learn the basic techniques of sign language.

NSU students get a lesson in sign language

By Natasha Anderson
Sauce Reporter

Senior business administration major Kwesi Aidoo recently attended a class where he held an entire conversation without uttering a word.

Aidoo is part of a growing number of college students who aren't hearing impaired and are studying sign language.

Aidoo was one of several students who attended a sign language class hosted by the SGA last week. The two- day course was instructed by Business Administration major Brandon Cormier and covered the basics of sign language.

The class of about 25 students began with a Power Point presentation on the history of sign language. Cormier also taught students the alphabet, basic words, linking verbs and a gospel song.

"I took the sign language classes because you never know when you'll encounter a situation where you'll need it," Aidoo said.

In a 2003 survey on colleges and universities, The Modern Language Association found that in terms of percentage growth only Arabic and biblical Hebrew surpassed the enrollment in American Sign Language courses.

A major factor for this growth is the employment opportunities that are gained in learning sign language.

According to the same survey, the salary for an entry-level interpretive job is comparable to that of a first year teacher.

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 guarantees people who are hearing impaired the right to interpretive services.

A lot of employers cannot fill these positions, however, because there are not a lot of sign language interpreters with degrees.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that employment of sign language translators and interpreters is projected to increase by 36 percent between 2002 and 2012.

Students like Aidoo believe that as with any other language, learning sign language will give them that upper advantage when it comes to finding a job.

"Knowing sign language is like having another gold star under your list of credentials on your resumé," Aidoo said.

Universities around the nation are picking up on this trend and are implementing ASL courses in their curriculum.

One such school is New York University, which changed its foreign language requirement to study of "a language other than English" doubled its ASL courses within the first year.

Once upon a time NSU offered a sign language course, Special Education 4180: Manual Communications 1 and was offered through the College of Education, but has not had anyone to teach the class for the last four years.

According to Steve Hicks Coordinator of Disability Services the course was quite successful.

"When James Virgilio taught the course it closed within two days of registration," Hicks said.

Hicks said the university was not able to find a replacement after Virgilio transferred to another school.

Hicks added that there is great difficulty in finding a qualified teacher within a 90 - mile radius of NSU.

"Sign language is something that requires hard skill to teach as well as learn," Hicks said. "Even if we find a highly proficient person to teach a sign language course they would have to have a college degree to teach at this level."

Until NSU finds a qualified replacement, students will have to use other resources to learn sign language.

There is no sign language courses currently offered in Natchitoches but there are programs on the internet and educational books, videos and DVD's that can teach students sign language in the comfort of their home.

For some students these alternatives may not be as effective as a classroom setting, but for those who want to broaden their horizons and learn a complicated language it is the only option.

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Members of TKE wrestle in the mud during Monday's mud volleyball competition in the field next to the K™ house.

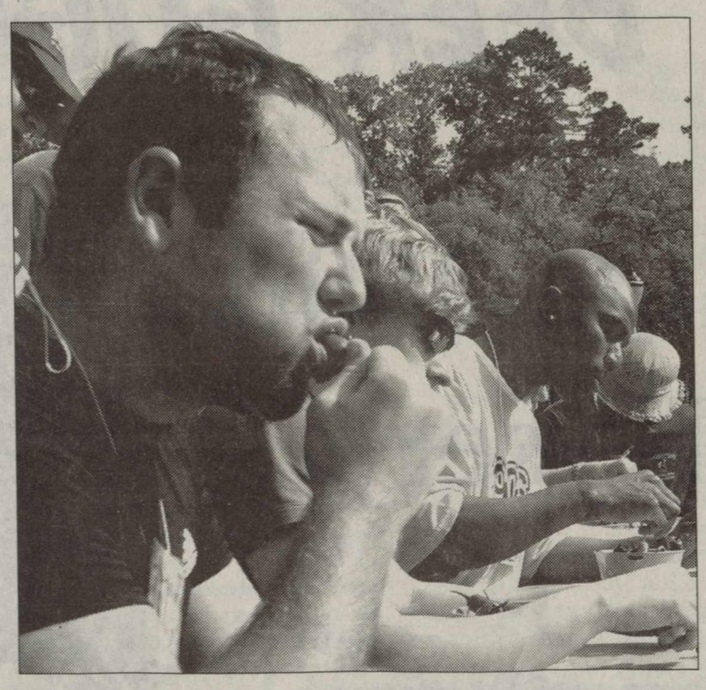
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Above: Members of the Psi Psi chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha joined with the members of the Eta Pi chapter of Tau Beta Sigma to perform a step routine at Tuesday night's Greek 'Stomp' Show. Together the chapters took home a first place title. Following in second, third, fourth and fifth places were: Sigma Sigma Sigma with Sigma Gamma Rho, Pi Kappa Phi with Kappa Alpha Psi, Phi Mu with Zeta Phi Beta and Alpha Omicron Pi with Alpha Kappa Alpha.







Clockwise from top left:

From left, freshman Blake Besselman of Pi Kappa Phi, sophomore Billy Ponder of Tau Kappa Epsilon and junior Kenieth Mayweather of Alpha Phi Alpha try to eat as many hot peppers as they can during the Pepper Popper contest.

Greek Week's "Messy Games" drew a crowd outside of the Friedman Student Union on Wednesday. Greek's and non-Greeks alike came to watch the festivities and cheer on their favorite competitors.

Senior Alpha Omicron Pi member Lauren O'Kelly participates in the Mashed Potato Run. Participants had to move mashed potatos from one bucket to another using only their mouths.

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Look for more Greek Week photos on the Web at www.currentsauce.com

Students substitute beach for bricks this Spring Break

By Kelli Fontenot
Sauce Reporter

Spring Break is just around the corner, and while most college students are researching how to get a better tan, a few are giving up their vacations and dedicating their time to help the hurricane relief effort.

Most people have probably seen the MTV advertisements. Organizations across the United States are coming together for an unselfish spring break project, and the Foundation at NSU is one of them.

Kay Temples, the Local Missions coordinator, said, "We have had so many donations for hurricane relief and really wanted to make a difference with it."

The Foundation is sending about 15 members to New Orleans during the break to gut houses, Temples said some members of the Foundation already went to New Orleans for a week in November and have been helping the victims out with expenses like gas money.

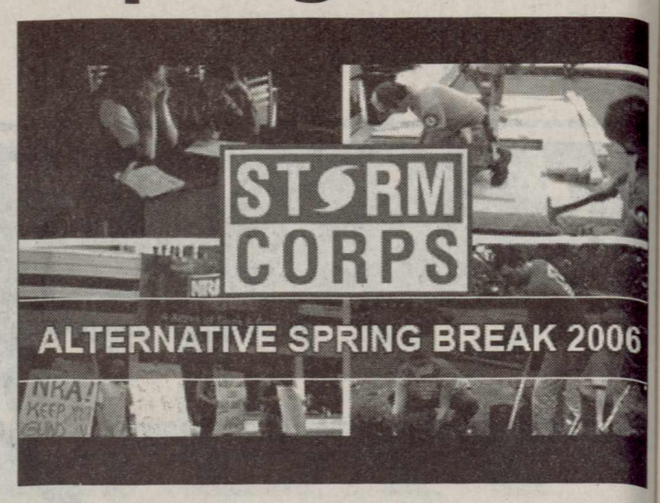
Other organizations at NSU have already contributed to the relief effort this semester. The Baptist Collegiate Ministry, who participated in an event called "Mud-Out." Members went to New Orleans to clean up some of Katrina's destruction.

Sarah Hunt, a freshman music education major and member of the BCM, grew up around New Orleans. She admitted she was uncertain whether she wanted to go on the trip and see the damage of the hurricane, but she decided it was worth the effort.

"Something inside of me was saying, screaming, 'I have to go help those people. Those are my people. That's my city," Hunt said. "Why on earth would I not want to go help? So that night I signed up to go on 'Mud-Out.' "

During spring break, students not traveling to cities like New Orleans, Slidell and Cameron to help with the effort may be offering aid in Mississippi, Alabama, and other states that Hurricanes Katrina and Rita affected. Several students have also been helping to rebuild their own homes during the last six months.

Who knows? If you're feeling righteous during the break, you can donate to the Red Cross Hurricane Relief effort. For information about how you can help or take a road trip with your friends to have a part in the long process of recovery call Kay Temples at the Foundation (352-2888). In a situation like this, every little bit helps.





If you've seen Juan, you've seen Amal

Seems to me that there's been some real controversy in the world of fashion lately.

I read an article on AOL news about how big name designers like Louis Vuitton, Dolce & Gabbana and Yves Saint Laurent are pitching fits over smaller designer firms copying their designs and selling them for a drastically cheaper prices.

According to the big designers, this is taking away the "uniqueness" of the garments and making them seem cheap and common.

Whoa, whoa whoa. That sounds a little ridiculous to me. Designers are making such a big deal out of this because the pieces being sold don't have their logo on them and they're not receiving the royalties for them.

Taking the side of the "cheaper" designers, I believe that just about every design has been copied in some form or fashion. When you see a spaghetti strap dress, you don't look at it and go "Ooh! YSL designed that didn't it?"

No. You say "Look, it's a spaghetti strapped dress!"

I mean, come on, people. I'm in love with the little brown bags with LV all over them or those little pieces of heaven I like to call Manolo Blahniks just like any other girl.

But if I can get the same looking pair of shoes or a designer knock-off bag for a fraction of the price, I can tell you right now what my choice is: I choose cheaper.

Yeah, maybe one day I'll have the funds to indulge these arrogant designers with my millions, but until that day comes, I'll stick with my Steve Maddens and my Prad-O. There, I said it.

'Ghetto Grammys' give out more than Oscars

By Kayla Brosett
Sauce Reporter

The African American Caucus hosted the annual Ghetto Grammys award show on May 29 during AAC Week to a full audience in Magale Recital Hall.

"The show was entertaining, funny, well organized and of course, ghetto!" said graduate student Jasheika Dennis.

The biggest award categories included Best Fraternity, Best Sorority and Rep Your City. Alpha Phi Alpha took home the award for Best Fraternity and Delta Sigma Theta won the honor of Best Sorority. New Orleans was once again named the "hypest city."

"The Ghetto Grammys are always exciting. Some people take the awards more serious than others, but for me it is all in fun. I like to go and have a good laugh!" said senior business major Chad Bell.

There was also a tribute to New Orleans during the show in support of renewing the city destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Members of the audience danced along as New Orleans music was played.

Awards for Miss Applebottom, Mr. Hard Body, Tightest Whip, Next Top Model and Mr. and Miss Facebook, among others, were given out to individuals.

AAC usually prepares nomination ballots with these various categories listed and passes them out around the campus for students to nominate candidates. AAC then draws up the final ballot with a list of three favorites for students to vote on in order to get the popular vote for the actual Ghetto Grammy.

AAC hosts the Ghetto Grammys every spring semester during AAC week.

Greek step show gets students to strut their stuff

By Kayla Brosett
Sauce Reporter

The Theta Chi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. hosted the Golden Explosion Greek Show at Prather Coliseum last Friday at 7:06 p.m.

Over a thousand spectators watched Greeks from all over participate in the step show.

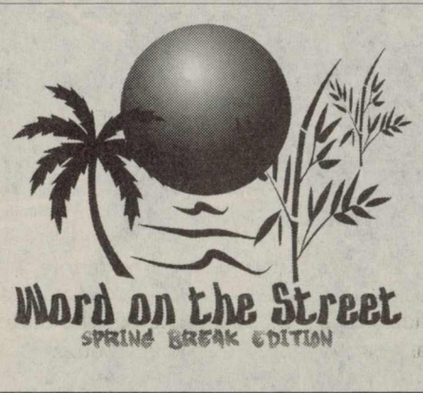
Apollo Morgan, sophomore member of Alpha Phi Alpha, said, "There were more people that participated and came out to support us than I ever imagined. This will definitely be an annual event!"

First place prizes of $1200 went to the Eta Chi chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at NSU in the female category and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity at the University of Houston in the male division.

They were judged in categories such as presentation, creativity and preciseness from a panel of majority NSU professors.

Thimeka Carr, junior biology major and member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, said "This was a positive event that unified all Greeks. The turn-out was great, the show was fun, and I met new people from other schools."

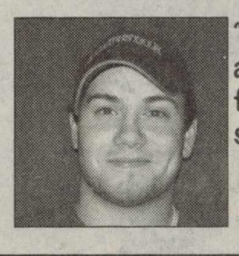
The show also featured members of National Panhellenic Council from NSU who entertained the crowd with stomps and dancing. The members of Alpha Phi Alpha plan to make the show an annual event.



Q & A: What are your Spring Break plans?



"I will be going to Panama City for four days!"
-Justin Hill, sophomore engineering technology, military science major



"I am going to sleep and hang out with friends; anything but school work"
-Michael Davis, sophomore CIS major



"I will be going to Ft. Lauderdale first, and then I'm going to The Keys and Miami."
-Jennifer Caldwell, sophomore radiologic technology, psychology

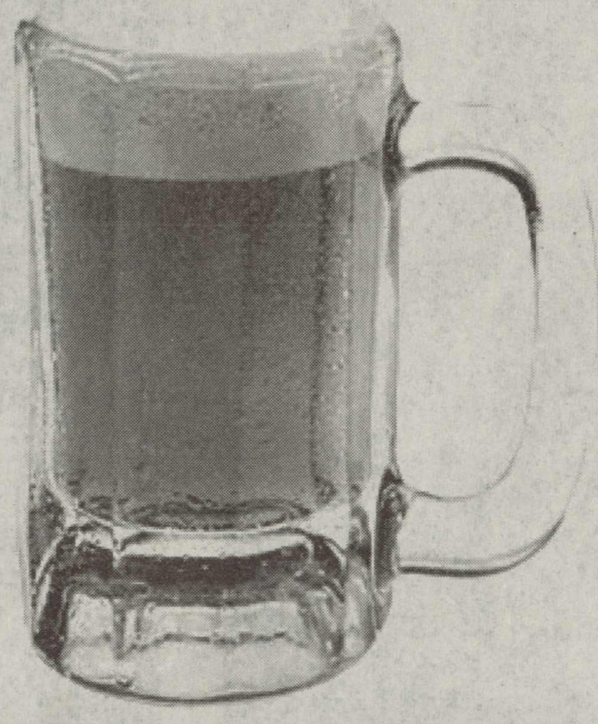


"We're going to Panama City!"
-Dustin Thiels, senior nursing major

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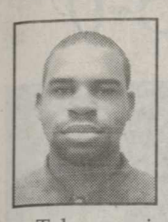


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Tolerance, acceptance two different concepts



By Raymond Billy,Jr.
Opinions Editor

Tolerance is an oft-misused word in this country. People who extol the virtue of it don't understand the true meaning of the word. Somehow "tolerance" has been "transposed" with acceptance even though these concepts are quite different in meaning and connotation.

According to Dictionary.com, tolerance is defined as the capacity for or the practice of recognizing and respecting the beliefs or practices of others. There are two definitions of acceptance that best describe people's ideals about tolerance: 1) Favorable reception, approval; 2) Belief in something; agreement.

I felt compelled to make this clarification because Keith Olbermann, one of my favorite news anchors, recently launched a diatribe that I profoundly disagree with. There is a segment on Olbermann's show "Countdown with Keith Olbermann" called "Worst Person in the World" in which he points out statements and/or actions he sees as egregious (this is merely hyperbole, he doesn't really believe that the people highlighted are the worst people in the world).

On a recent episode of "Countdown," Olbermann named Fox News anchor John Gibson "Worst Person in the World." Olbermann thoroughly explained his rationale to viewers.

"Selling his new book about this phony baloney war on Christmas, John revealed a very ugly side to himself. He is one of those people who think all religions but his are mistaken. You know, the way a lot of these religious nut bag terrorists think," Olbermann said.

" 'I would think,' Gibbie said on a syndicated radio show, 'if somebody is going to… have to answer for following the wrong religion, they are not going to have to answer to me. We know who they're going to have to answer to,'" Olbermann said, quoting Gibson.

"I'd tell you which religion John thinks is the only one that's right, but what's the difference? It's not the faith that's the issue. It's the intolerance. John Gibson, today's worst person in the world," he concluded.

"Olbermann doesn't understand what tolerance, particularly religious tolerance, is all about."

Going back to one of the definitions of acceptance that I listed, Olbermann seems to believe that religious tolerance is synonymous with favorable reception or approval.

Clearly, Olbermann doesn't understand what tolerance, particularly religious tolerance, is all about.

Religious tolerance isn't about approving of faiths other than your own, it's about respecting people. It's about respecting other people who are just as sincere in their faiths as you are in yours. It's also about understanding that, just as you are sure that your faith is the right one, people of different faiths are just as certain about their own. Therefore, if and when you try to share your beliefs, talk about what is right about your faith; don't attack what you see as wrong with somebody else's.

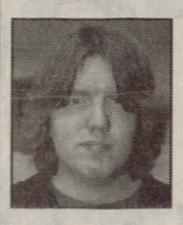
Olbermann seems to believe that religious tolerance means accepting (there's that word again) that all religions are, in effect, valid. In other words, it doesn't matter what you believe.

I'm a Christian. If I honestly thought that it didn't matter whether or not I believed in Jesus or something else, I simply wouldn't practice religion at all. I would be like comedian Bill Maher, who believes in God but thinks all religions are bogus because it is impossible for man to know what God believes. It is a lot easier for me to understand Maher's logic than Olbermann's.

It doesn't bother me that Olbermann believes all religions are valid, but I am troubled that he is demonizing Gibson for not feeling the same way. But, I really shouldn't be upset with Olbermann. After all, he doesn't even know what the word "tolerance" means.

Raymond Billy, Jr. is a political science major.

More needed to serve student population



By Aaron Pizani
Sauce Columnist

It is a question that has been asked for years. "Why aren't students staying in Natchitoches?" In my attempts to answer this question I got very disturbed. I'm disturbed because the solutions seemed so simple that I can't help but wonder if people even want us students in Natchitoches at all.

Semi-paranoid conjectures aside, I want you, the students, to get one thing out of this article. You, the students of Northwestern State University, are the real power in this city. You are the machine that keeps Natchitoches operating. You are the heart and soul that gives Natchitoches meaning.

"You, the students of Northwestern State University, are the real power in this city. You are the machine that keeps Natchitoches operating."

You are the scholars, businesspeople, artists, journalists, athletes, scientists, soldiers, doctors and teachers that give Natchitoches a dot on the map.

I've heard NSU students referred to in newspapers as "extended tourists" because we spend a lot of money here and we happen to stay a little bit longer than, what, real tourists? It breaks my heart to be called an "extended tourist." I live, work, and study here! I'm a citizen!

We've come to a point were we now need to ask Natchitoches, "What have you done for us lately?"

Despite not actually being a part of the city, NSU claims Natchitoches as its own. Like the Vatican in Rome, the university is more surrounded by the city than actually inside of it. And yet, we boldly say that we are Northwestern State University of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

When does Natchitoches claim us? What is Natchitoches' selling point? "Welcome to Natchitoches, the oldest town on the face of the freaking planet," or "Welcome to Natchitoches, more old buildings than you can shake a bulldozer at."

Don't get me wrong. I'm all for milking every dime possible out of tourists, but Natchitoches can't forget that people actually live here. That includes students.

Back to the question at hand, why are students leaving? One thing is the lack of nightlife. Yes, we've got a coffee house across from the university. Yes, we have clubs. Yes, we have bars. And I feel the depressing need to add Wal-Mart to the list as well so: yes, we have Wal-Mart.

The one word that creeps up in my conversations with other students about what they want in Natchitoches is "variety." We need more than just one coffee shop. We need more than just one or two bookstores. We need more to do at night that is actually open at night. You might as well be yelling at students "Go away!" when your town shuts down at 9 o'clock.

Students need something to do that isn't one of two extremes. We have either the lowbrow activities of barhopping and clubbing or the highbrow activities on campus of musicals, art shows and recitals. Although they are all important, and I wouldn't dare say get rid of any of them, students still need more variety. There are plenty of things Natchitoches could offer that fall in between a bar and a theater.

The Student Activities Board does a great job of putting on events to give students something to do, but I don't think they understand that that isn't enough either. We don't want to stay on campus for everything we do.

Festivals aren't enough either. Festivals may keep students in town for one weekend out of every couple of months.

If students are going to stay in town for the weekend and holidays, Natchitoches needs to give us a reason to.

Natchitoches is in a strange position, though, and that I understand. What is a city to do when it is clearly a "college town" but at the same time is celebrated as one of the top places in the country to retire?

I'll answer that one for you, Natchitoches. Pick us. Please the students in every way you can. Because without us Natchitoches wouldn't be a place worth living in, whether you're 20 years old or 70 years old.

And students, whatever we need to do, whether it's through the Student Activities Board, the Student Government Association, or the university administration itself, we need to call upon our resources to make sure Natchitoches knows what we want and make sure we get it.

I guess my last thought on this subject is, if the people, businesses, and City of Natchitoches really want us to stay in the city, why don't you just ask us what we want?

Natchitoches, as much as some certain groups would like, cannot remain a small town. NSU is growing, and will continue to do so. Its students will become more diverse and more numerous.

Now I want to ask you, the student body of NSU, what do you want in Natchitoches? What can Natchitoches do for you that would keep you here on the weekends, on the holidays, or even after you graduate? E-mail me through letters to the editor and let me know and I'll follow up in my next article.

Natchitoches is obligated to hold up its end of the deal and grow with us, or suffer the consequences of a city whose infrastructure and economy refuses to grow with its citizenry.

Aaron Pizani is an art major.

Some students beyond enlightenment



By Russ Hatch
Sauce Columnist

I couldn't help but notice the ubiquitous graffiti that is so prevalent in the men's room stalls in Kyser Hall. I can't believe that people who have somehow managed to gain entrance to a university can be so impoverished in their writing, spelling and grammatical skills.

Why do we champion a dearth of intelligence? Savoir c'est pouvoir–knowledge is power. When are we going to wake up and collectively smell the coffee?

As a nation, we are intellectually going down the tubes like the Jamaican bobsled team on Teflon-coated runners. Intelligence leads to compromise as long as a certain level of morality is maintained. Compromise leads to a certain engendering of civility. I look around the campus and see that these arcane arts are as lost as that of hardened copper.

A large percentage of the students here are not present to learn; edification is the furthest thing from their half-minds. These mental midgets sit in the computer labs checking personal e-mails, chatting loudly on cell phones like they are trying to be heard over a chainsaw, looking at pictures from the latest rave party, playing games, doing pretty much any and everything but STUDYING. Every time I hear another post-op brain-donor utter the phrase "as long as I get a C," I smile, because I've found one more person that represents no threat to me in the workforce.

I know, "everyone is entitled to a higher education." But, don't we have to draw the line somewhere? Remember the scene from Forest Gump: "Mrs. Gump, the State Board of Education says that your son has to be here to attend, and your son is, well, here." Then intelligence and ability is a factor.

"I know, "everyone is entitled to a higher education." But, don't we have to draw the line somewhere?"

Why on earth do we allow people to enter into our (formerly) hallowed institutions of higher learning when they have no desire to learn–when they want to scrape by with the bare minimum required, and regularly fail to achieve that because they were not mentally armed to do so in the first place?

The thing that bothers me the most is not that these Great Distractors are attending–heck put 'em in that State and Urban Government class with the cartoon textbook. As long as they color within the lines, give 'em a P.

It is a shame that serious students are forced to suffer through these distractions as we try to better ourselves. When did their right to blatantly defy the posted rules on cell phone usage in the library, classes and computer labs impinge on my right to study? Is this a university or an Internet café?

Oh, and that ring-tone you downloaded that you think is so cool? Thanks for sharing that with me on volume 184. I would especially like to thank you for letting it play out in its entirety before answering it, just to make sure that all of us know how cool you were to have the prescience to download it. Believe me–you are not that important of an individual that you need to be braying on that cell phone 24 hours a day.

Allow me to put things in perspective. I have a work cell phone that I keep on 'vibrate' mode. My bosses call me when they need me to explain something or need a status update. If they dial 911 at the end, I take it outside, otherwise, I ignore it. Why? Because I am in class. Learning; getting a grade; getting a degree. Who's calling you - or who are you calling? I saw four girls walking side by side, obviously friends, and they were all yapping away on their cell phones.

Some friends they are . I would have walked away from them offended: "what am I, chopped liver? Talk to me!" But they were too self–absorbed in their own litany of banalities to even notice that they were disrespecting each other and being disrespected themselves. People are palavering just to inflate their own egos. As a nation we have skipped the whole waiting-around-for-bad-genes-process and embraced the concept of ADD as a way of life that should be emulated.

We should not be looking to establish the bar at the lowest common denominator level. Those who seek to excel are molested by those looking for the latest fashion statement, the latest buzzword and the latest style of insolent and annoying behavior.

There is a good portion of this student body that needs to be jettisoned for the common good of those that are here for the purpose of higher learning, not just escaping Mom and Dad for a pot, ecstasy and booze-fueled adventure until at which time they are expelled, incarcerated, or just drop out.

Now I would worry about offending the majority of those mentioned, but they probably don't read Op Ed articles–or this paper–or read anything not forced on them. Vis-a-vis Dennis Miller, "Of course, that's just my opinion. I could be wrong."

Russ Hatch is a political science major.

Blacks - deeper than media portrayals

By Willie Valrie
Sauce Columnist

As a young black man, I am very sickened by the negative stereotypes and roles that blacks are constantly portrayed in; whether it be movies or television. It seems as if we always get our biggest audiences whenever we are playing negative roles such as thugs, gangsters, pimps or jokesters. Black people are rarely ever shown in the media in any serious roles.

For example, there is a new movie in theaters right now starring the Atlanta rapper Clifford "Tip" Harris, better known as T.I. The movie is called "ATL" and it is about the lead character, played by T.I., as a man trying to keep his younger brother from getting into drug dealing.

Oh, great. Not another "hood movie." Haven't we seen enough of those already? Ever since John Singleton's hit movie "Boyz N The Hood was released in 1991, it spawned an era of "gangster" and "hood movies." That era doesn't seem to be ending anytime soon.

Since "Hood," we've had the "Friday" series, "Juice," "Menace II Society." It's gotten to be so bad that there have been parodies of these "hood movies" such as "Don't Be A Menace In South Central While Drinking Your Juice In The Hood."

Let's not forget about movies like "Soul Plane" that actually make fun of racist black stereotypes. Will the madness ever stop? Will anyone ever take blacks seriously as long as we are portrayed in such negative roles?

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I don't think so.

I'm also sick and tired of the negative portrayals of black women in the media, especially by the music videos put out by tired rappers who have nothing better to rap about than the same negative garbage over and over.

It's sickening how 90 percent of videos on BET show half-naked women dancing perversely. All it does it put the wrong concepts and images in the mind of young black females and portray black women as being sexually promiscuous. I can't stand how black women are always depicted as being loudmouthed and "ghetto."

Depiction of black people in this manner suggests that we are all like this, which is an obvious lie. And if we try to conduct ourselves in a civil manner, there's the stereotype of the "uppity Negro," which also is shown in the media. Negative portrayals of blacks have become the standard in Hollywood as far as movies are concerned, and it's very irritating.

I heard about the rap group Three 6 Mafia winning an Oscar for that song called "It's Hard Out Here For A Pimp." What kind of madness is that? Three 6 Mafia is one of the most controversial rap groups to ever exist; they spew some of the most vile lyrics you could ever hear regarding violence and sex, and they get an Oscar for a song that stereotypically portrays black men as pimps?

This type of lunacy shows you the credibility of winning an Oscar: Absolutely none. This is just as bad as Denzel Washington playing a crooked cop in "Training Day" and Halle Berry playing the lover of a racist prison guard in "Monster's Ball" (and having an explicit sex scene with him) just to win one of these awards.

How about making movies portraying Black people in powerful roles and in accurate historical roles, such as the ancient Jews of the Bible? Or, how about movies that show accurate ancient European history, depicting Black people as the Christian kings and queens of the Holy Roman and Byzantine Empires during the Dark Ages? Or, as the pharaohs of Egypt during its 14th-18th dynasties?

Oh wait, we'd never get portrayed in roles like this. Movies on these topics would be mind-blowing and would be a breath of fresh air from all the "thug, gangster, and pimp" madness shown on the big screen frequently.

It's sad that if a movie doesn't portray black people in a negative light, it'll probably be a box office flop. It's also a shame that blacks have been and will continue to be portrayed in negative roles in the media. Maybe if many of us partake in a nationwide boycott of BET and watch the Nielsen ratings plummet, and also boycott these stupid "hood movies" and stereotypical sitcoms, maybe the American media will get the message (yeah, right!)

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Noack breaks record

Castellano pitches season's second shutout against Centenary, 5-0

Courtesy of Sports Information

Senior outfielder Sarina Noack became the NSU softball's career stolen base record-holder Wednesday night and Michelle Castellano pitched a three-hit gem as the Lady Demons knocked off Centenary 5-0.

The Lady Demons improved to 19-23 while Centenary fell to 21-17. NSU moved to 2-1 this season against Centenary and 19-3 since the start of last year against north Louisiana opponents in the mythical Pine Cone Circuit with Grambling, Louisiana Tech and Louisiana-Monroe along with Centenary and NSU.

Noack, from Tomball, Texas, singled in the fourth inning and stole second, propelling her over previous career record-holder Nicole Martin, an Academic All-American last year.

Noack's career total now stands at 91, while her season total is 28 in 30 attempts. The NSU single-season stolen base record is 48, set by Academic All-American Annie Johnson in the 2002 season.

Castellano (5-1) was golden as she tossed her fifth complete game and second shutout of the season. Castellano retired the first eight batters before allowing a hit with two outs in the third inning.

Castellano struck out nine and never allowed a Centenary runner to reach third base.

The Lady Demons scored their five runs on nine hits. Six Lady Demons hit safely in the game, with Lyndsey Gorski, Margaret Patterson, and Noack each having two hits. Patterson added two runs scored while Gorski added two RBI.

The teams will meet again on April 19 when the Lady Demons travel to Shreveport for a single game.

NSU will resume Southland Conference action at league leader Texas State in a weekend series.

NSU's next homefield action is April 14-15 against McNeese State.



Ginna McCowen / the Current Sauce
Michelle Castellano, the Lady Demon's pitcher, won her second shut-out game of the season against Centenary yesterday 5-0. Sarina Noack also became NSU softball's career stolen base record holder. The Lady Demons will resume SLC conference games playing against league leader Texas State in a series this weekend. Home games resume on April 14 against McNeese.

Lady Demons Softball

Dates and times of remaining home games

- **Apr. 14** - McNeese State, 4 p.m.
- **Apr. 14** - McNeese State, 6 p.m.
- **Apr. 15** - McNeese State, 12 p.m.
- **Apr. 18** - Southern, 4 p.m.
- **Apr. 22** - Southestern La., 4 p.m.
- **Apr. 22** - Southeastern La., 6 p.m.
- **Apr. 23** - Southeastern La., 1 p.m.
- **Apr. 24** - Northern Colorado, 9:30 a.m.
- **Apr. 24** - Northern Colorado, 11:30 a.m.

Source: www.nsudemons.com

Hayward 3rd nationally in 100 meter

Courtesy of Sports Information

After running the nation's third-fastest collegiate 100-meter dash time this season, NSU sophomore Ravyn Hayward was an easy pick Tuesday for the Aeropostale Southland Conference male track and field athlete of the week award.

The Tyler, Texas native ran a blistering 10.33 to win the 100 at the Bobby Lane Arlington Invitational. Only Churundy Martina of Texas-El Paso (10.20) and Kelly Willie from LSU (10.25) have run faster 100s among Division I collegiate sprinters so far this season.

Hayward also ran a leg on the Demons' winning 4x100 meter relay team that posted a 41.25 mark, giving him a role in two of six first place performances Saturday by NSUcompetitors.

He is a two-time SLC 60-meter dash champion indoors and was the SLC outdoor 100-meter runner-up last spring. He will try to become the second Demon under veteran coach Leon Johnson to capture the 100-meter dash title at the prestigious Texas Relays on Saturday. All-American Ronnie Powell, the school record holder (10.13) in the event, won the 100 at the Texas Relays in 1998.

Demon Baseball

Dates and times of remaining homegames

- April 7 - Texas State, 6:30 p.m.
- April 8 - Texas State, 2 p.m.
- April 9 - Texas State, 1 p.m.
- April 18 - Arkansas - Little Rock, 3 p.m.
- April 28 - Nicholls, 6:30 p.m.
- April 29 - Nicholls, 2 p.m.
- April 30 - Nicholls, 1 p.m.
- May 3 - ULL, 6:30 p.m.
- May 6 - Lamar, 1 p.m.
- May 6 - Lamar, 3 p.m.
- May 7 - Lamar, 1 p.m.
- May 18 - ULM, 6:30 p.m.
- May 19 - ULM, 6:30 p.m.
- May 20 - ULM, 2 p.m.

Source: www.nsudemons.com

Lady Demons to host LA Tech

Courtesy of Sports Information

Daniela Posada and Catalina Villegas will lead the Northwestern State Lady Demons against Louisiana Tech in a 3 p.m. Friday match at the Jack Fisher Tennis Complex.

The Lady Demons, 3-10 overall, have won three of their last five and look to continue their recent success in a match that was postponed due to weather in early March. Louisiana Tech fell to Louisiana Monroe 7-0 on Tuesday to fall to 2-11 on the season. Northwestern fell to ULM 6-1 at Monroe on March 7.

Posada and Villegas helped the Northwestern State Lady Demons pick up their third victory last Saturday against Nicholls State, but NSU fell to conference leader Southeastern Louisiana 7-0 on Sunday. Posada and Villegas went 2-0 on the weekend in doubles and each split their singles matches.

The next home match for Northwestern will be the 10 a.m. Southland Conference match with McNeese State Sunday at the Jack Fisher Tennis Complex.

NSU falls to ULL 3-1 Tuesday

By Jim Mustian
Sauce Reporter

Louisiana-Lafayette combined solid pitching and back-to-back triples to defeat NSU 3-1 Tuesday night at Brown-Stroud Field.

ULL's Gregory Harmon recorded nine strikeouts in seven innings, allowing one earned run and scattering four hits in his first start of the season.

The Demons struggled at the plate striking out 13 times and stranding eight base runners.

The Cajuns scored two in the top of the third off NSU starter Dereck Cloeren, who went just three innings walking one and striking out three. After triples by John McCarthy and Devin Bourque to lead off the inning, Jonathan Lucroy pushed another runner across the plate with a sacrifice fly to left field. The Demons then left the bases loaded in the bottom half of the inning.

The lone run for NSU came in the bottom of the fourth when Miles Durham doubled home Marty Dewees, who had reached base on an error. Durham was thrown out trying for third before Harmon struck out the next two batters ending the inning. The Demons failed to execute again in the sixth when designated hitter Michael Jaworski struck out for the third time leaving two runners in scoring position.

"You can't strikeout 13 times in a game and think that you did something good," NSU coach Mitch Gaspard said after the game according to team's website.

The Demons, beaten at home for just the third time this season, had been victorious in both meetings with ULL earlier this season. The loss is the third straight for the Demons who fell to 14-16.

NSU will continue its homestand this weekend as it hosts Texas State in a three game series that begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

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Lady Demons play SLU for one of four slots to the tourney

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Friday, April 28

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Saturday, April 29

Saturday Classes: Arrange exam times with professors.

Monday, May 1

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11:00 – 1:30	11:00 MWF and MW Classes
2:00 – 4:30	2:00 MWF and MW Classes 2:30 MW classes
5:30 – 8:00	4:00 MWF and MW classes Monday Night Classes

Tuesday, May 2

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11:00 – 1:30	11:00 TR Classes
2:00 – 4:30	All Sections of: MATH 0920, 1020, 1060
5:30 – 8:00	3:30 TR Classes Tuesday Night Classes

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5:30 – 8:00	3:00 MWF and MW Classes Wednesday Night Classes

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11:00 – 1:30	12:30 TR Classes
2:00 – 4:30	2:00 TR Classes
5:30 – 8:00	Thursday Night Classes

Friday, May 5

8:00 – 10:30	9:00 MWF and MW Classes
11:00 – 1:30	1:00 MWF and MW Classes



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President Randall Webb and the 2005-2006 NSU men's basketball team accept $100,000 check from Pontiac for winning the Game-changing performance in the men's NCAA basketball tournament.

Pontiac presents check to NSU

By Kristi L. George
Sauce Reporter

NSU officials have not yet decided what to use the $107,000 the university received from winning the Pontiac Game-Changing Performance at the NCAA men's basketball tournament last month.

Mary Edith Stacy, director of enrollment management will be the chair person for the committee that will determine the criteria for this scholarship.

Not much is known at this time, but Stacy said, "Once we have this basic information in hand then a university committee will be formed and then the committee will determine the criteria for this award and the timeline for the initial award."

Athletics Director Greg Burke said, "The Financial Aid Office will distribute the scholarship money per the guidelines established by the committee."

NSU President Randall Webb formally accepted the check during a presentation by Russell Hall in front of the historic three columns at 3p.m. Tuesday. Members of the men's basketball team, faculty and students watched as Pontiac officials presented the check to Webb.

NSU received $100,000 after fans nation-wide voted for Jermaine Wallace's buzzer-beating three point shot. NSU beat out other finalists UCLA, LSU, and Texas to win the money.

The university also received $5,000 for being finalists along with an additional $2,000 from Chevrolet for two "Player of the Game" awards for the performance of Clifton Lee in the first game against Iowa and Keenan Jones in the second game against West Virginia.

Stacy said the committee should be formed by next week to determine out what scholarships will be funded by the money and who will be eligible for the scholarships.

The NSU Physical Plant gets moves to a new location

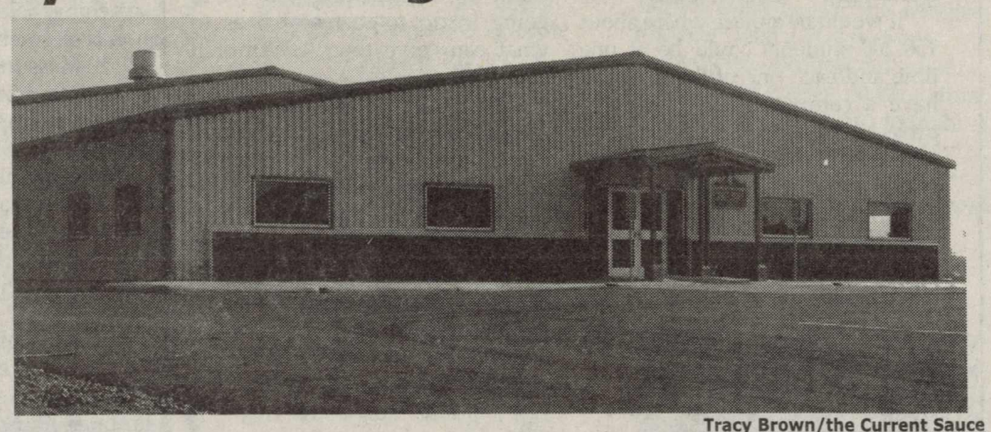
By Jamie Broussard
Sauce Reporter

After operating out of an old trade school building for years, the Northwestern State physical plant staff is looking forward to relocating to their new facility.

The project came about when the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts, needed additional acreage to expand their facilities.

Louisiana School requested the area, and the state funded the building of the new physical plant. The cost was $1.5 million.

The new facility is located on South Jefferson across from Chaplin's Lake.



Tracy Brown/the Current Sauce

The outside of the newly built NSU Physical Plant

Director of Physical Plant Chris Sampite said that the new facility is smaller, but more efficient and they are anticipating moving in between May and early June.

The new facility was designed to fit the needs of the physical plant. The current location is an awkward space to work in because it is an old trade school building.

"The relocation has been a long term plan to get the facilities out of the academic areas of campus, and bring them to the outside of the campus," Sampite said.

The physical plant currently operates from seven different locations across campus.

Sampite said that they are hoping to one day have all the locations in one area, operating as a unit.

The physical plant supports campus maintenance, and designs and renovates campus facilities.

Governor Blanco set to speak at graduation

By Natasha Anderson
Sauce Reporter

Gov. Kathleen Blanco and Chief of Staff James Clarke, are scheduled to speak at NSU's 121st Spring Commencement Ceremonies on May 5 in Prather Coliseum.

"I am surprised that someone with such prestige as Governor Blanco has found the time to speak at a university as small as NSU," graduating senior Adrienne Pierce said. "It feels good to brag that the state governor will be speaking at my graduation."

Blanco has turned down offers to speak at other universities this spring because she was in the middle of a busy legislative session.

Clarke will assist her by speaking in one of the two commencement ceremonies.

"It is important that state legislatives take the time to speak at our universities to not only see the conditions of our schools (positive or negative), but to commend the students and the faculty for their hard work despite the complications from the devastation Hurricanes Katrina and Rita left behind," Clark said.

President Webb said he selects commencement speakers who are either leaders in some endeavor or alumni that have excelled in their careers and professions. He said he tries to select speakers that are "successful individuals with diverse backgrounds and experiences who can provide varied and valuable perspectives to graduates of the university."

"It is an honor this year to have Governor Kathleen Blanco as a commencement speaker; her vast experience in government allows her to share unique views and perspectives with graduates that will be beneficial to them in their future endeavors," Webb said.

He also said, "Dr. Jimmy Clarke, who will speak at one of the commencement programs, has served in a number of influential positions in government and higher education, and we are fortunate that he will share his expertise and experience with out graduates as a commencement speaker."

Ceremonies for the graduates of the Colleges of Education, Nursing, Liberal Arts, and the Graduate School will be held at 10 a.m.

Graduates from the Colleges of Business, Science and Technology, The Louisiana Scholars' College, and University College will receive their diplomas at 3 p.m.

Local Weather Forecast

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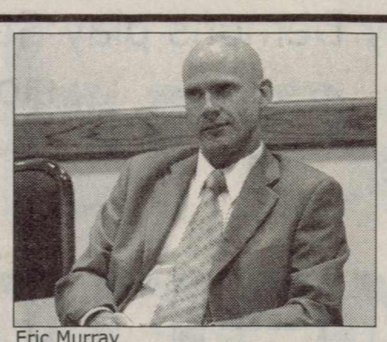
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Vice president selection to take place after end of spring semester

By Raymond Billy
Opinions Editor

NSU President Randall Webb said he could make his recommendation of who should be the next vice president for student affairs as soon as May.

However, Webb said his decision will not be announced before the end of the semester because, in order for that to occur, he would have to make his final selection by next week when he meets with the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors for the last time before the spring term concludes.

According to the University of Louisiana System website, the board's next three meetings are scheduled for April 28, May 26 and June 23. All three meetings will take place in Baton Rouge.

Webb said the acting vice president of student affairs, Patrice Moulton, is approved to hold the position through June 30. This gives Webb the option of either making his final recommendation when the board meets in May or taking additional time to review the candidates until the June meeting.

The new vice president may be in place by the upcoming fall semester, Webb said.

Moulton may soon have "acting" removed from her job title.

The other candidates for the position are University of Montana Dean of Student Affairs Eric Murray and Mary Lynn Williamson, a NSU alumni who currently holds a position as vice chancellor for student development at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga.

Steve Horton, chairman of the search committee that narrowed the field to three candidates, said his group gave its recommendations to Webb on March 6.

The committee will not narrow the field further. The president will choose from the three remaining candidates, Horton said.

Seventeen candidates were reviewed for the position.

Horton said the committee, comprised of students, faculty and staff, is pleased with the recommendations.

Horton said the committee reviewed the applications "over the course of eight weeks, so, our decision was a comprehensive one," he said.

"I think everyone was very comfortable with our recommendations being that we had so much involvement with the candidates and with their credentials,"Horton said.

The vice president of student affairs is involved with many departments at NSU, including the Department of Student Activities and Organizations, the Department of Transportation and Public Safety, the Department of Campus and Community and the Department of Enrollment Services.

Parkway Cinema to get a facelift

By Lindsay Larcom
Sauce Reporter

Natchitoches residents and NSU students will soon enjoy the comforts of a big city right in their own backyard.

Parkway Cinema General Manager and senior general studies major Mark Holt met with the theatre owner and architect Wednesday to discuss the plans for two new stadium-seated theatres.

"The project date isn't definite but the construction should be completed by the end of May or early June," Holt said.

"The original date for completion was scheduled for the end of April but we had a delay because of rain."

Each new theatre will seat approximately 200 people and will be equipped with digital surround sound.

Plans also include a new bathroom in the wing.

The theatre parking lot is also being touched up. It will be extended, repaved and repainted.

Construction isn't the only new addition for Parkway. About a month ago the theatre began accepting credit cards and launched a program for online ticket buying, which will serve as a convenience for customers.

Customers can go to www.movieshowtime.net, click on the link for Parkway Cinema and buy the tickets for the movies they want to see.

The site is updated every Tuesday so that theatre patrons will get correct movie information.

"This is great for people coming from out of town," Holt said. "Especially Many and other surrounding areas. That way people ensure they have a ticket when they get to Natchitoches."

Purchasing the tickets online allows customers to skip the hassle of waiting in line.

"You can come in, scan the barcode, print the ticket and take it directly to the usher," Holt said.

Holt also revealed plans for further construction and renovation.

New concession stands and drink machines will be installed and the lobby will be repainted retiled and re-carpeted.

This renovation is still under discussion and no start date has been set.

SGA President Wempren makes big plans for NSU

By Chris Reich
Photo Editor

The new Student Government Association President elect Shantel Wempren has big plans for NSU next year, the biggest being a multimedia computer lab capable of holding over 150 students, a book rental program to offset textbook costs, and special events and services for women over 27.

Wempren's platform was based on what she calls the "factory," but no official name exists yet. The "factory" would serve the students by having an additional big lab on campus, Wempren said.

"It would be a large room or multiple rooms, if we have to, of computers, scanners, color printers, it would be the most up to date technology," Wempren said.

"It would be a place where about 150-200 students could be at one time and each one of them would have a computer. That's my big project I want to see through my term and in the future have things added on to it like classes where they teach Microsoft programs, offer certification in Microsoft programs, tutoring for people in internet classes. The checkout service would probably be moved into this if we got enough space later on," she said.

The "factory" does not have a place yet because the previous suggestions were not acceptable for various reasons.

"The dorms are closing or going to privatized housing, that's something that the university is considering. If they do go to privatized housing, it's not a final decision but if it happens, we can't have computer labs in the dorms. There is no computer lab in the columns or the new residency hall, that's why the P.E. majors lab is so important," Wempren said.

Wempren also thinks that the prices of textbooks are too expensive for most students to afford.

"Textbooks are something that I'm concerned about because students spend so much money on textbooks each year, so we're going to research what other schools are doing. Southeastern rents books and has a really good program. Maybe we can sit down with the bookstore and say, 'You know, other schools do it this way, what are the chances of us doing it this way?' And if we can't change it, we need to encourage students to buy their books online," she said.

"(Students at other schools) spend about $100 a semester where we spend $500, that's something that were concerned about," Wempren said.

One of the big problems on campus is student apathy, and it's something that Wempren thinks needs to be worked on.

"If you notice who shows up to things, it's the people who are involved," Wempren said.

"People who are in clubs or philanthropy organizations or things like that show up to things," Wempren said. "Then there is this whole group of students who are hard to reach because they might commute, they might live out of town, they may only come to school two days a week," she said.

"Twenty-seven percent of our campus are women over the age of 25. That's a big number; that's a quarter of the people that I don't think we're reaching. So we're going to do some research as to what can serve them," Wempren said.

"One of our things that we started out the year with was a day care center, and we had a petition and we walked around with the petition and we didn't get enough signatures to go anywhere with it. Is it still an issue, yes, but can we do anything about it? Not yet," Wempren said.

Wempren also thinks the marketing of events could be handled better and will be changed for next year.

"We put signs in the academic buildings, maybe we need to put more in the dorms," Wempren said. "We focused on the dorms for one of our last events of the year and got a good response, so rather than putting things in academic buildings we need to go to where people live and slip signs under their doors."

When asked if there was anything Wempren wanted to tell the student body, she remarked: "Look forward to your technology in the next year, look forward to seeing results from the fee packet we just passed, look forward to seeing more events sponsored by the SGA and the SAB, look forward to seeing better student media, more union programming, a better lecture series, a better leisure series, because they voted the fee packet into existence and they should look forward to the things that are going to come from it."

Wempren is a junior family and consumer sciences major. She has been with the SGA for three years and served in the positions of freshman and sophomore senator, a member of the committee of academic affairs, and vice president.

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The Department of Health and Human Performance will present HealthFest today until 3p.m. at Prather Coliseum. All students are invited to attend.

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Other screenings include: blood glucose levels, diabetic foot screenings, lung capacity, blood pressure, strength and flexibility assessments, height, weight, vision screening, balance and coordination assessments, body fat, BMI (Body Mass Index), eating disorders, depression, postural analysis and stroke impairment assessment.

There will also be a wealth of health information available, including fitness and weight control, nutrition, STD's, drug addiction and much more.

Graduate and Transfer Open House

The annual graduate and transfer open house will take place Saturday in Friedman Student Union at 7p.m.

Students may receive information about admissions, financial aid, online courses, housing, student services, meet with faculty and advisors and register for courses.

Demon Fest

KNWD 91.7, the NSU radio station, is putting on Demon Fest 2006 on April 22 from 3 to 10 p.m. on the Front street Riverfront stage.

Demon Fest is free and open to the public.

Performing at the even will be Justin Bailey, Yellow Light Go, Young Goodman Brown, Hollywood Blues, In Every Nightmare, Theresa Dollman and Ashley Crawford.

"Kiss Me Kate" auditions

The NSU theatre department will have auditions for the Cole Porter musical "Kiss me Kate" Monday at 6 p.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

Those interested in auditioning need to have a one-minute monologue prepared and be able to sing 16 measures from the musical.

For more information on the auditions contact the NSU theatre box office at 357-4483.

Snack and Relax

The Learning Center is providing stress-free tutoring to students Tuesday through Thursday from 7 p.m. to 10p.m.

The staff will provide free tutoring, snacks and drinks.

Dates and Locations:
April 25 – Sabine Lobby
April 26 – Kyser Hall 239
April 27 – University Place Clubhouse

Keep Natchitoches Beautiful

Registration begins on April 29 at 7a.m. for a parish-wide Spring Cleaning day hosted by Keep Natchitoches Beautiful and the Great American Clean-up.

The event takes place at the Archer-Daniels Midland Complex (the Old Cotten Gin on Mills Street).

Lunch and door prizes will be available for all registered participants.

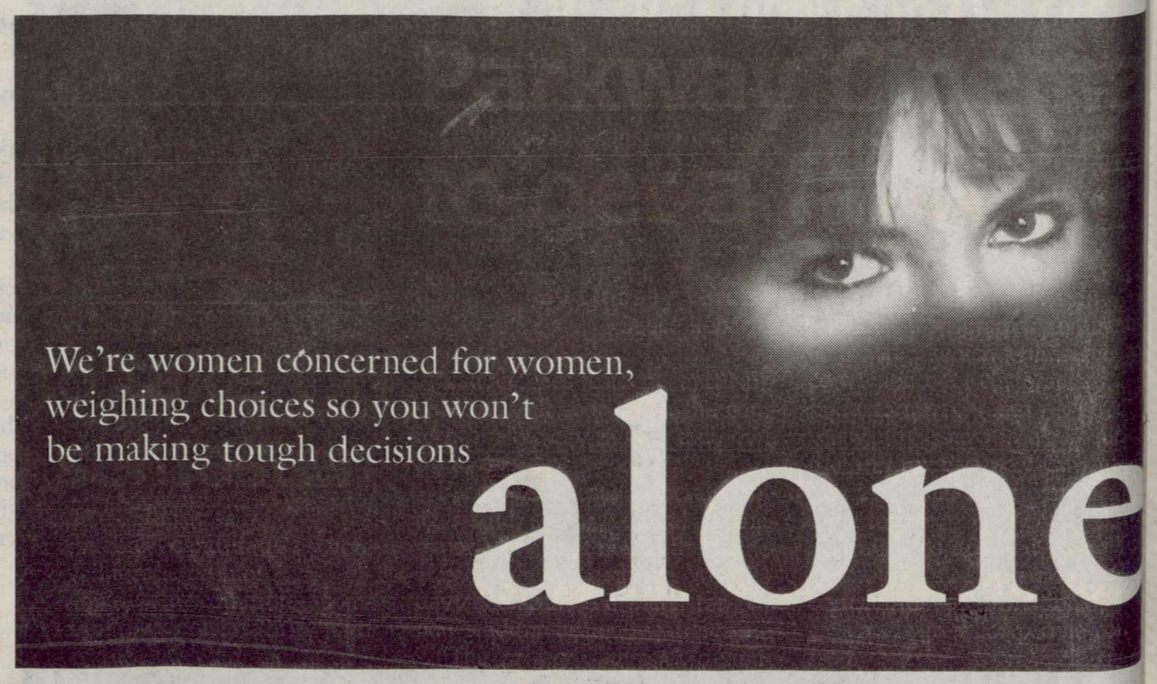
The 2006 Potpourri is here

Students can pick up their yearbooks May 1 through 5, from 9a.m. to 3p.m. in front of room 108 in Kyser Hall, near the main staircase.

Students registered in the fall of 2005 as full-time students can get their yearbooks at this time.

Those students that were not full-time students in the fall or did not attend NSU during the fall semester can still get a yearbook for $20.

Students need to show some form of identification to the yearbook staff in order to receive their yearbooks.



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WRAC wraps up 'Fitness Challenge'

By Kayla Brossett
Sauce Reporter

The first Wellness Recreation and Activities Center "Fitness Challenge" occurred Feb. 6 through March 31.

The challenge was coordinated by WRAC Wellness Director Robyn House and was open to all students, alumni, and faculty that have a membership. The event had a turnout of over 90 participants, making up 24 groups of four members each.

"This activity inspired the participants to stay motivated and I think everyone had a great time. I hope that more people will be interested in incentives like this to promote their overall health and well-being," House said.

The WRAC awarded prizes in first, second and third place categories to the teams based on a point system including how many activities they participated in and how many times they visited the WRAC.

The first place winners were the WRAC Grannies who received dinner certificates to Trailboss and NSU caps. Team POM came in second place. They received gift certificates at Ducouvancu Restaurant. The third place winners were the Wild Ones. All of the winners received T-shirts donated by Posey's.

Dolly Dupree, a member of the WRAC Grannies, said, "This was a great experience! The WRAC has an incredibly supportive staff that encouraged our team along the way. I believe that the WRAC is one of the best things to happen to NSU because it allows faculty and students to interact, and it promotes a healthy lifestyle. I would definitely do the challenge again!"

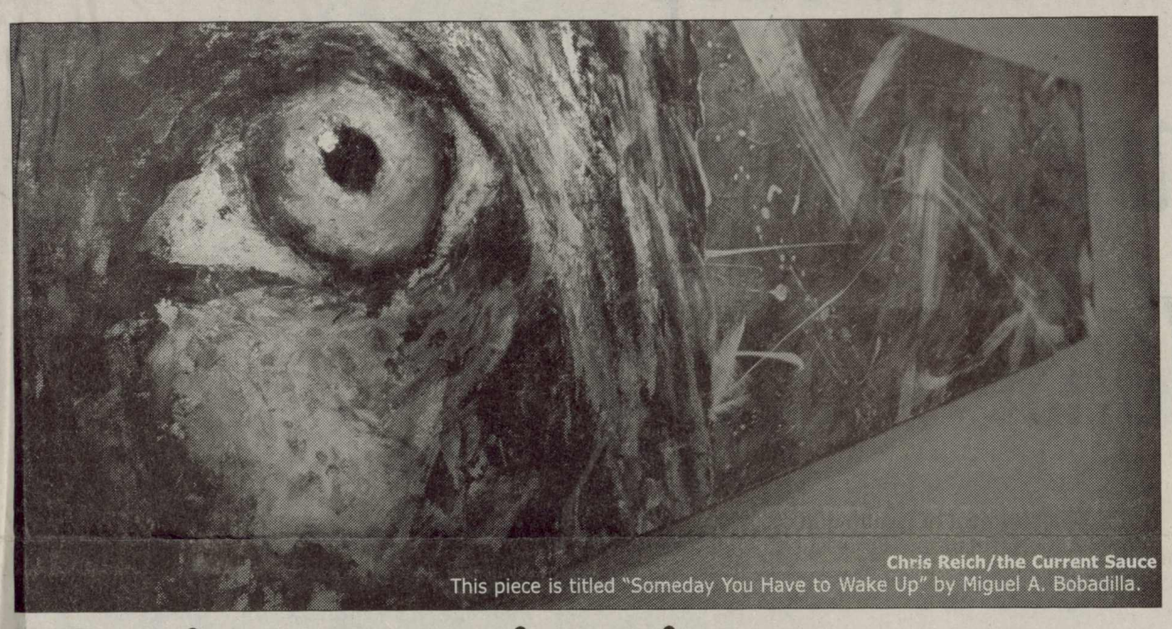
The event will probably become an annual spring event with slight changes in the way it was coordinated to make it "bigger and better," House said.



Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce

The winners of the WRAC fitness challenge, the WRAC Grannies. From left, Terrie Sebreen, Anna Airhart, Dolly Dupree, and Mary Margaret Shivers. All are staff members on NSU campus. Sebreen and Shivers hold up their shirts they won from the challenge.

Senior art students exhibit work in Hanchey gallery



Chris Reich/the Current Sauce

This piece is titled "Someday You Have to Wake Up" by Miguel A. Bobadilla.

By Kelly Fontenot
Sauce Reporter

Talented senior art students have been showing off their hard work all semester, and it hasn't gone unnoticed.

Senior studio art major Mark Rabalais' paintings were displayed in the Hanchey Gallery during the week before spring break. The show was titled "Esse is Percipi: Knowledge through Perception."

Several tall paintings of expressive faces were featured along with a series of magnificent drawings. The drawings were very original, while the paintings seemed to have been inspired by the works of Jackson Pollock, the famous abstract expressionist artist.

One of Rabalais' most detailed drawings was called "(whispering) tell him to make a note and use the negative space."

Members of the community showed up at Rabalais' reception to enjoy refreshments and the huge paintings. Rabalais sold his art on the opening night of the show, with prices ranging between $115 and $500.

Senior graphic communications major Miguel Bobadilla showcased his work on the second floor of the Orville J. Hanchey Gallery, while Rabalais' work was downstairs. His paintings were on display until April 7. His show, titled "Reminiscent of a Journey," was particularly moving.

My favorite piece was a black-and-white called "The End of All Things." It depicted a young man that seemed to be staring straight through the viewer of the painting.

There are four senior art exhibits left this semester for those who missed out on the ones earlier during the year.

Christina Broussard's graphic design work and photography will be on display in upstairs in the Hanchey gallery until April 21.

Leslee Toney's paintings will be shown at the Student Union in the President's Room until April 21.

Alexandra Nieto's graphic design work will be in Hanchey Gallery on April 24-28, with Amanda White's paintings in the upstairs gallery.

Music organizations come together in perfect harmony

By Leigh Gentry
Sauce Reporter

NSU's Sigma Alpha Iota and Phi Mu Alpha put on a "musicale" in Magale Recital Hall on April 4. The event took place at 7:30 p.m. and was admission was free.

Steven Sparkman, a senior in Phi Mu Alpha and the music director of the entire event, said, "It's great to come together with brothers to do what we all love doing—we all love music. It was great to see it all come together."

The members gave a short and sweet performance, lasting only 45 minutes.

The performance began with the two groups singing a traditional song which was called "Down to the River" and arranged by Tony Stewart.

Throughout the night the girls from Sigma Alpha Iota sang "Moon River" (a song made famous by the movie "Breakfast at Tiffany's"), "Someone to Watch over Me," and the Sigma Alpha Iota Chorale.

The group from Phi Mu Alpha sang "Manly Men" and Sinfonia songs such as "The Red and Black," "Vive L'Amour," and "A Serenade to a Girl." Phi Mu Alpha's barbershop quartet showed their musical talent by singing "I Believe" and "Beautiful Dreamer" *a capella*.

Singing was not all that took place in the recital, though; Josh Berthalot played the clarinet to accompany Matt Gibbs on the marimba and vibraphone. Jessica Fain performed on her flute with Matt Reilly on his drum.

Last of all, the two groups came together to sing another famous movie song "Seasons of Love" from "Rent." This finale was complete with strong solos that ended the program suitably.

NSU to sponsor International Festival on Front Street

By Flavia Belo
Sauce Reporter

Northwestern State University Hospitality Management and Tourism Department will sponsor the International Festival on Thursday, April 27 on the 500 block of Front Street, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The outdoor event will promote the hospitality, tourism and culinary arts programs and will various countries, including United States, Brazil, France, Egypt, Mexico, Australia Jamaica, Italy, and Ireland. The festival will also feature food and beverage booths, live musical entertainment, and students wearing traditional costumes.

Some of the foods that will be offered in the festival include Brazilian pork and black beans stew, Italian baked pasta, Jamaican jerk chicken and traditional American mini hamburgers. Students will also serve Irish beer and French wine.

Live musical entertainment will include Cancan and belly dancers, Brazilian samba and Celtic music of the Back Porch band. The event will also feature African entertainer Andrew Weiseman playing reggae and salsa music.

The event will be free and the general public is invited. Students will sell coupons to be used on the food booths. For more information, contact Dr. Lynn Woods at (318) 357-5085.

NSU Bands host family concert

By Raquel Hill
Associate/Life Editor

The NSU music department will be hosting its annual Family Day concert on Saturday at 3 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall.

The concert will feature the Wind Symphony, Wind Ensemble and Symphony Band and will consist of music that was heard at the earlier spring band concerts and as well as a few new pieces that were just recently added to the repertoire such as "Blue Shades," "Midway March," and "Satiric Dances."

It is noted that since the Family Day concert is mostly aimed to entertain parents, grandparents and siblings, the music performed is kept light.

"This concert has a lot of family-friendly music to offer," said Yasmine Grayson, a junior music education major and a member of the Wind Ensemble. "I think that the folks that show up will really enjoy it."

For some senior band members and those members moving on in their college careers, this concert is more a "farewell" concert rather than a family concert.

Senior elementary education major and member of the Wind Symphony, Desiree Dillard said "Considering this is my last concert, I can't wait to share our band programs accomplishments for the year with my family."

Students also stress that people who are not family members of those in the band are more than welcome to attend concert. Admission is free so it might be a good idea to get to Magale a little early to get a good seat for the show.

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Fashionable Focus

I cannot believe I am saying goodbye in this week's column.

It's funny, but at the end of something, you usually start thinking about the beginning. I remember having to "audition" for this column—writing a little "mock" Fashionable Focus for the previous Diversions Editor. I remember being so nervous that I started writing it months in advance. I knew that I wanted to be the new fashion columnist, but I had no idea what my competition would be like or what this new little realm I was getting myself into was all about. Well, I guess we can all figure out that I got the job!

So as I sit here writing this as not only your Fashionista but as the Associate Editor, two years from my first column, I would like to take the time to reminisce on a few of my favorite columns and thank those who got me so deeply into student media here at NSU.

My very first column consisted of giving advice on three basic elements every girl should keep in her closet: a pencil skirt, a classic trench and intricately designed jeans. From that first one on, I continued to write about the best grooming products for both guys and gals, the coolest places to shop online and there was once even a column on home remedies that would prevent bad breathe and foot fungus—eww!

By far, my favorite column has been one titled "A Little Help from a Queer Eye." For this particular column I got to do a little bit of research and found myself talking on the phone with Carson and Kyan from the Bravo Network's hit show "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy." What an experience!

Over the years I have acquired a new taste for things and I've also learned a thing or two about fashion. I hope that as readers you have found Fashionable Focus as fun to read as I have found to write it every week. This column has been such a lifesaver in so many ways. Writing pulls all of the negative energy I have within me and channels it into something positive and entertaining for you all. Thanks for letting me dress you better and for letting me make you smile!

Before I go, I do have a few thank-yous. These people have



done so much for me—they have offered advice, listened to my woes and been there for every silly little comment that I had to tactfully hold back in public. These folks were there through it all—and I hope to see them succeed and grow in whatever they do.

•First of all, a big Thank You goes to the Department of Journalism. I didn't know I wanted to be a journalist at first—I thought I would be sticking people with needles and cleaning bedpans as a nursing major. Thank God for changing majors! You have given me all the tools and skills that I will need to go off into the real world and really try to make it on my own.

•I, of course, also want to thank my sisters of Tau Beta Sigma and brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi. Not only have you all been so supportive of my career, you have held me up high when so many times I wanted to give up. Thank you for caring about me, your sister. I promise, your gifts are not unappreciated, by any means.

•Thanking the "Student Media Girls" would be sort of an understatement of how I really feel. Words really cannot express just exactly how great you've been to me. Through all the late nights, tough assignments and wonderful trips to big cities—we've done it together, and that not only makes us friends, it makes us family. To the girls staying behind for a short while (Lora, Cheryl, Andi B., Katie and Jamie): good luck with the rest of your college careers. This time in your life has already taught you so much, but that last semester really teaches you how important relationships are. Take care of each other; support each other. You're the family now—it's your job to keep the family name strong!

•Lastly but most certainly not least, I have to thank God and my family. Not only have they seen me through the good and the bad times, they have seen the purgatory between good and bad that I have gone through and have been there holding my hand, guiding me and pointing out the light at the end of the tunnel. And don't worry—that light at the end is a bright shiny future, not a freight train, as some would say!

Of all the experience I have gained here at NSU, being involved with student media has really put me on the map. It has given me the tools to take with me and go forth into this great big world of ours and really put on a show.

So as I say my "fashionable farewell," I leave you with quote from a writer named Gail Ruben Bereny:

"Above all, remember that the most important thing you can take anywhere is not a Gucci bag or French-cut jeans; it's an open mind."

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-Letters to the Editor-

Readers respond to Aaron's Natchitoches column

On one hand...

Three times thank you for your column in last week's paper. You said just about everything I have been thinking for the past four years of my life here in Natchitoches.

I am a senior Fine Arts major and will be graduating in less than a month. I have chosen to stick around for one more year here in Natchitoches so I can obtain my Master's in Art. Let the record show, however, that I'm not staying here for the thrilling Natchitoches life. NSU is a fabulous school (it has been for me, at least) that just so happens to be right in the middle of a town that refuses to develop. Natchitoches has failed when it comes to urban development. I'm not necessarily saying that the retirement capital of America should become a booming metropolis over night, but the ratio of NSU's growth to Natchitoches' growth is ridiculous. While enrollment numbers increase, Natchitoches keeps up by adding a... Walgreens? Hmm. Something just doesn't add up. (Oh, and I'd be a lot happier about the Walgreens if it stayed open past my grandma's bedtime.)

Truth be told, students will stick around when there are options. Adding a few colorful elements to the urban equation would boost the pulse of Natchitoches, whose heart currently only beats a few times a month. Shopping mall, Target, international restaurants (Indian, Thai, Japanese), craft store such as Hobby Lobby, home improvement store such as Lowe's or Home Depot. How about a movie theater that would offer a variety of films instead of the usual redneck/cartoon show? Not only would places such as these keep me and my buddies in town, they would boost our city economy. The best tax dollars are the ones spent within our own parish, right? Why should I stay in town and limit myself to Wal-Mart when I could make the short drive to Alexandria or Shreveport and enjoy a buffet full of entertaining options?

Natchitoches will most likely never be a gigantic city, but does it really make sense to keep her from growing? The powers that be know that there's money in tourism. And they're completely correct. But guess what, Natchitoches -- NSU students aren't tourists. We fuel the parish economy, we promote the city, and we pour in enormous amounts of hard-earned cash into the pockets of local landlords (that seems to be our most common vendetta).

Once I've completed my Master's program, I'm out of here. There'll be nothing left to keep my attention. I refuse to waste away with a town that plans on doing the same.

Leslee A. Toney

On the other hand...

Aaron,

Stay out of the business arena. If there were a market for a nightlife (other than a couple bars) more coffee shops would emerge.

For years two tiny coffee shops tried to make it on Front Street hoping in vain that a viable student population would patronize their establishments. Every night there were a handful of students lingering about (often they were from the Louisiana School). I don't know the fate of either of those cafes, but I can tell you they were there risking valuable capital in the hopes of creating a market.

Since you are an art major, let's twist the question around a little. Do you like to paint magnolias? How is your watercolor technique? Thinking like an artist trying to pay the bills: the local market likes flowers, pictures of Front Street, and those ugly deer paintings. If someone would paint a damn deer that does not look like it is waiting to get shot they could make a mint (by Natchitoches' standards).

Your complaints are rooted in capital. The business ventures (which are what you are calling for from Natchitoches business people) are risky.

There are risks too numerous to mention in this space. The most obvious is that extended hours involve another level of management (which means higher operating costs) or an even longer day for the owner/manager, unless the entrepreneur is going to get an exponential increase in profits the risk/reward ratio may not justify what you are suggesting.

You have to trust the market to do its job. It is slower than what you want because it is decentralized and ad hoc. As a critical mass of 'market potential' makes itself known the entrepreneur will emerge to meet the market need. If the businessperson does not emerge, it might be because your market has not made itself known to such a degree to justify a re-evaluation of the risk/reward ratio.

In short, it might be your fault, goofball. Or, you can go raise the capital and get out there and let the World see what you can do. That's really how people stick around Natchitoches.

Way to Go Demons in the NCAA Tourney!

Philip Wolfe,
NSU Alumnus

Bathroom bashing

By Kelli Menard
Guest Columnist

So today I had an epiphany. Taking my usual trot to class, (which consist of the elevator for us pregnant women) I realized I had to urgently use the restroom. Using the bathroom here on campus just isn't quite as fun as it use to be. It has been rather depressingly dull for quite some time now due to one reason in particular. WHO DECIDED TO PAINT THE STALLS???

At first when it happened, I must say the nauseating high and the battle to find a restroom that was not being painted, skyrocketed to the top of my fun list. The task of running to every floor in Keyser to find a restroom in tact to relinquish myself in for a vast few moments before class was incredibly tiresome.

But imagine the dismay I had come to realize when arriving to one of my favorite stalls, that my oh so beloved walls were bare. Nothing but solitude was bestowed upon me. There were no words of wisdom, no political bashing, no name calling, and above all Janice's long list of weekly lovers had been diminished. Instead, I stared into the blue sea of the vast walls that stood before me and drifted away into my imagination. Those walls were a history, a timeline, and to me a masterpiece. Those walls could tell stories. Stories of hate and racism lied in those walls. Stories of love and agony filled every cranny. A small history of prejudices and presidencies were embedded in its heart. Now all the emotions and beliefs and the voices of students are silenced by the deep blue sea that over powered them.

I do miss the stall where every person had their lover broadcasted for all to read. Next week that name would be scratched out and taken by the girl in the next stall. I only assumed in my small world they were fighting over the same person. I miss the stall that had all the political debates for the 2004 Kerry/ Bush election. It was interesting and great advertisement as well. To hear all those stories and see students really do have a voice here on campus (even if it is hidden in a booth, not the poll booth either) was amazing. There were stalls with racist and religious gander. Even if it was hatred, it was real, it was not a hidden emotion, or one you could not trust. Nothing was hidden about it, and that made it art to me. Above all I miss my favorite stall. It was the stall of literary focus. Quotes from some of the greatest writers stood on those stalls, and gave me my little piece of inspiration for the day. I found it quite funny one day when I sat down and saw my favorite quote only to realize I had put it there.

Now trust me, I would not draw a mustache on the Mona Lisa, or any other great work of art. Students on campus turned those dull walls into a work of art and to destroy it almost seems like a crime. Some hope still remains though. Just the other day I believe I saw someone's new love interest written in a stall. It is only the beginning. I guess it goes to show that sometimes the student voice cannot be dictated or silenced.

Kelli Menard is a junior English Major.

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More on Natchitoches



By Aaron Pizani
Sauce Columnist

I'm going to give you a connect-the-dots puzzle right here. It's an easy one so you don't have to overexert yourself, seeing as how you've probably been cramming history dates or biological terms into your head for finals.

Obviously there's a discussion among students at the university on "Why doesn't Natchitoches have much for students?" At the same time, there's constant discussion in the city and among businesses on "Why don't students stay in town and spend money here?" Two dots, one line. And because I'm in such a good mood I'll draw that line for you: communication!

There is absolutely no communication between the university students and the city itself. Usually I call it "the ambiguous entity we call Natchitoches" because it encompasses the city, the businesses, the population in general, and it's myriad of associations and groups.

We are in a situation where Natchitoches and NSU are in their respective corners brooding about the inadequacy of the other. And, like a dysfunctional couple, we both assume the other is supposed to know what we want and what we're thinking. I'm guilty of it! I've been guilty of it for three years now. Do you know what enlightened me to the real problem? Communication!

After reading your e-mails and talking to someone who has the interesting position of being a faculty member at the university and a local business owner, we've finally connected those two dots.

In my previous article I exalted the power of the students: that you are the driving force, the horsepower, the heart and soul of this area. But, we're a lame duck. Is there really any power there or is there just potential that isn't being tapped into?

"Pizani, enough already! What are the answers? Please solve our problems!" Well I'm glad you have that much faith in me, so here it is. You, the students, have to solve these problems.

The city council meets every second and fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. If, like I say, we are not "extended tourists" but real living and breathing citizens of this town, why aren't we there? These city council meetings are where the communication can happen, where we can tell the city what we want, literally!

It's either be there or be square…and powerless, unheard and unaccounted for.

Tourists don't get a very big say at city council meetings. Their job is actually a lot easier, which is why they are winning out. They show up, spend a dollar and leave, and they've made their voices heard. They've communicated what they want.

We can do that, too! We're losing Sam Goody, so does that mean that we don't want a Sam Goody? What sane college town wouldn't want a Sam Goody? The problem is that we didn't communicate with our money. We went home to Alexandria, or Shreveport or wherever, and bought our music there instead.

As students, however, we have the luxury of having something else at our disposal: the Student Government Association.

The SGA doesn't have to just represent the student body at the university, it is our representative everywhere. The SGA members should be obligated to go to city council meetings and communicate what we want, as our representatives. But then, does the SGA even know what we want if we can't even find the time to show up at their meetings?

All this civic duty, community involvement stuff sounds like something out of the 1950s, I know. However city council and SGA meetings are public for a reason. They want the input. They need the input. At this point, I'd be willing to bet that they are desperate for the input from students.

I made the comment that Natchitoches might not even want students here. As incorrect as that comment was, it was important that I made it. I didn't pull that idea out of my own hat. It's a sentiment that has come up with my conversations with students. People rarely ever make decisions based on facts. We can only make decisions based on what we feel is the fact. And I've changed my mind on that matter.

So students, think "Natchitoches doesn't even want us here." Natchitoches might be thinking, "Students don't even want to stay here." Both statements are wrong. That's what happens when communication doesn't happen. You don't even realize that the "others" want exactly the same thing that you do.

Natchitoches wants students to stay in town. And I'm convinced that students would rather stay in town to do things rather than fill up a vehicle and drive 50 miles. So if we all want the same things, what is going wrong? The answer is so simple it should make all of us feel pretty stupid: Communication!

Natchitoches and NSU are in a dysfunctional relationship right now, and communication will fix that.

Me writing a column about the whole ordeal is not going to do anything. What I do hope is that enough people can read this, understand it, and take the initiative (along with me, by the way) to really bring things together. We could call it a collective project: "NSU and Natchitoches: A Happy Marriage."

Aaron Pizani is an art major.

School spirit dormant at NSU

By Kristi L. George
Sauce Columnist

A few weekends ago I decided to save myself from the boredom of Natchitoches and go support Demon tennis at a match against rival school Stephen F. Austin. If it weren't for the story I was writing on the game, I would've known about the match, even though the schedule can be found easily online.

The fact is that NSU students lack school spirit. Whose fault is it for the lack of support for athletics? Is it a lack of promotion by the athletic department or just apathy among students?

Jenni Peters, director of marketing at LSU, said school spirit can be developed and cultivated. She also said people use success in sports as a rallying point.

I agree with Peters. School spirit livened when the men's basketball team had a fantastic year and gained national recognition. This was evident by all the popcorn that was scattered on the ground of the Student Union Lobby after Jermaine Wallace's shot.

How long will this spirit last? As long as students continue to make it a point to support the athletic department, meaning everything from men's basketball and football to volleyball and tennis. Groups like the Prather Punks are setting a good example of the level of school sprit NSU hopefully is growing toward.

Women athletic teams get almost no fan support.

The average home attendance for NSU's men's basketball team was 2,284 while the women's average was 700 with only the game against LSUS having more than 1,000 fans in attendance.

At the women's tennis match I attended there were, at most, 15 people. I'm at the end of my sophomore year and have yet to go to a volleyball or softball game.

When football season begins in the fall, how many students will stay in Natchitoches on the weekends to watch? Do the teams have to prove that they are worthy of watching before fans turn out? Many of the coaches I have talked to this year have said their teams perform better when fans show up.

Other than Homecoming week, school spirit is nowhere to be seen other than the NSU sweatshirts many students wear on campus. But, when it comes to showing up at the games, students are no-shows.

I would like to see NSU athletics be as big as sports at elite schools. NSU students get into all home games free of charge, so, why not take advantage of this privilege. Sports are a part of the college experience that many are missing out on.

Kristi George is a journalism major.

Too tan or not too tan, that is the question



BY Kera Simon
Sauce Columnist

Before the 20th century, tans were not very appealing. Those with milky white skin were more desirable because they were seen as elite. Only those who had to work outside doing manual labor had tans, and that was not cool.

Fast forward to 1920 when Designer Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel returned from her vacation on a yacht with golden skin and, in turn, made suntans fashionable. From then on, women would scramble to the beach, backyard or wherever to slather on tanning oil to literally cook their skin in search of that "summer golden goddess" look.

Fast forward to today, where you can have a golden tan all year long thanks to tanning beds and self tanning lotions, sprays and creams. Women and men can spend ten minutes, three times a week, in a florescent tomb in order to achieve that summer glow; just in time for bikini season.

I used to tan outside of my house, back in middle and high school. Warm weather would return, and out came Kera with her flip-flops, SPF 10, towel, bathing suit, and CD player for one hour per day. This ritual became quite comforting during allergy season. My eyes might be watery, nose runny, but hey- I had a great tan.

As time went by, my friends started retreating to tanning salons. I was always curious, but never liked the idea. Those tans seemed so unnatural to me. Prom would come along, and all my friends looked alike- orange. They never quite knew when to stop going on a daily basis…

Last summer I decided to go on a tan strike: no more tanning in the backyard. Instead, I tried the self-tanner bit with urging from my mom. That went well for about three months before I got too lazy to keep it up (layers of dead colored skin began naturally shedding in an unorganized fashion, leaving me with a multi-toned skin color that resembled a calico cat).

So this year, I have gone on a complete tan strike- no fake bake, no self-tanners, no intentional sun exposure. After realizing that sun exposure is the number one cause of premature wrinkles, I thought this would be the way to go. However, the longer I stay pale, the more I realize the pressure for young women to be tan.

I have become more observant of other people's skin progression, since I have none. I've been watching a number of girls in my classes become more and more orange. Some have learned to stop right before their skin takes on that "dirty" look. Others have not obtained that knowledge yet, and it is written all over their brassy skin.

I have been told that it's okay for me to be pale because I have blonde hair and blue eyes. However, the urge to give in to the fad of baking or to pull out another tan towel haunts me from time to time.

Fear of inducing blindness on innocent bystanders, because of the light reflected off my pale legs, occurs every warm-weathered day when I contemplate wearing shorts. Embarrassment of my white arms while wearing a tank top in a sea of tanned torsos is a common emotion (ok, ok, so I'm being dramatic…).

During those times of weakness, I remind myself that it's okay to be pale during the summer. It's OK to be pale all year long. It's OK to have the choice of either being white or red because you only burn in the sun. It's also OK to choose to be pale in an attempt to preserve your skin.

So I say, be proud to be pale! Your skin will thank you for it later.

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Lady Demons shoot for SLC

NSU to play SLU on Saturday and Sunday to determine SLC tourney status

By Kristen Alexander
Sauce Reporter

Lady Demon Softball desperately needs a win this weekend in the conference match-up against Southeastern Louisiana in order to compete in the May 5-7 Southland Conference Tournament the Demons will be hosting at Demon Diamond Field.

The Lady Demon's loss to Centenary yesterday has dropped their record to 22-29 for the season as they head into the crucial series against the Lady Lions.

According to Head Coach Becky McMurtry, two of the six slots in the tournament are practically already taken by Texas State and University of Texas, San Antonio.

The remaining four slots will be determined between teams from NSU, Sam Houston State , Nicholls, ULM and University of Texas Arlington.

Beginning Saturday at 4 p.m., the Demons will match up with the Lady Lions for the first time this season in their second to last conference series.



Ginna McCowen / the Current Sauce

Michelle Castellano, the Lady Demon's pitcher, won her second shut-out game of the season against Centenary Apr. 5, 5-0. Lady Demons will play against the Lady Lions in an SLC series Saturday and Sunday at the Demon Diamond.

The last conference match-up will take place against the Sam Houston Bearkats April 28-30.

"As long as we win all three games this weekend we'll have a pretty good shot at making one of those four slots," McMurtry said.

If the Demons happen to walk away this weekend with less than a 3-0 record McMurtry said, "We'll then have to definitely win at least two of the three games next weekend against Sam Houston."

SLU (10-28) has had a difficult season in that many extensive injuries to key players such as All-Southland Conference pitchers Summer Delaneuville and Rachel Ray.

This weekend the Lions will be lead by pitcher Rachael Schwartz from Glendale, Ariz.

Schwartz is the only pitcher of Southeastern to be acknowledged with a win this season.

Four new players signed for Lady Demon Basketball

By Kristi George
Sauce Reporter

Lady Demon Basketball's Head Coach Jennifer Graf acquired new talent when she signed four players to play for NSU next season.

Graf said she is excited about this recruiting class because, with only one senior and two juniors next year, the class is important to the future success of the Lady Demons program. She believes NSU could still possibly sign one or two more recruits.

"Signing two guards and two posts already from the high school ranks will add some depth to each spot. Each athlete brings a lot of athleticism and skill to each spot," Graf said.

Whitney Burton of McGregor, Texas, is a 6'1" center who made All-State after averaging 17 points, 15 rebounds, four assists and four steals a game. Burton said she is excited to play under Graf.

"I chose NSU because I love the school, the people, and it was comfortable because it reminds me of home," she said.

Burton said it might be difficult adjusting to playing in college at first because she maybe homesick, but she thinks she can improve the Lady Demons playing.

Johnson is a 5'11" power forward from Killeen, Texas. She averaged 15 points and 10 rebounds a game at Killeen High School. She, like Burton, said she chose to attend NSU because she liked the campus and it felt like home.

"I think I will bring leadership and athleticism to the Lady Demons. I like the way coach Graf runs the team," Johnson said.

Greene is a 5'8" guard who averaged 20 points and 10 rebounds at South Beauregard High School. Greene not only was Academic All-State, but was named the District 5-2A Most Valuable Player three years in a row.

Greene said her selling point for choosing NSU was the environment.

"I loved how everyone took me in when I came to visit. I'm looking forward to coming in the fall," she said.

Greene said she hopes to have an impact on the Lady Demons win column.

"I'm a hard-worker and I hope I motivate my teammates to work hard as well," she said.

Williams is a 5'5" point guard from Spring, Texas. She helped Spring High School to the Texas 5A State Championship Final Four averaging, 12 points, five rebounds and seven assists a game.

The Lady Demons finished the 2005-2006 season 11-16 (4-12) and failed to make the Southland Conference Tournament.

Demon Baseball

Dates and times of remaining homegames

- April 28 - Nicholls, 6:30 p.m.
- April 29 - Nicholls, 2 p.m.
- April 30 - Nicholls, 1 p.m.
- May 3 - ULL, 6:30 p.m.
- May 6 - Lamar, 1 p.m.
- May 6 - Lamar, 3 p.m.
- May 7 - Lamar, 1 p.m.
- May 18 - ULM, 6:30 p.m.
- May 19 - ULM, 6:30 p.m.
- May 20 - ULM, 2 p.m.

Source: www.nsudemons.com

Demons triumph over Arkansas-Little Rock

Courtesy of Sports Information

NSU tagged a season-high 17 hits Tuesday afternoon as the Demons rolled to a 13-7 win over Arkansas-Little Rock.

In the win, second baseman Brandon Morgan, who went 2-for-6 with a double, became NSU's all-time career doubles leader with 51 while tying the school's career hits record with his 234th knock.

Already this season, Morgan has set new career records in triples and runs batted in.

The win improves the Demons to 18-20 overall as they head into a crucial Southland Conference series at Southeastern Louisiana beginning Friday. UALR falls to 21-20.

"That's as good as we've been all season on offense," said Demon Coach Mitch Gaspard. "It's what we've been waiting for all year."

Leftfielder Michael Palermo led the offensive attack going 4-for-5 from the plate with a RBI and three runs scored.

Catcher Michael Flower added a 3-for-4 showing with a run scored and five RBI, including a two-run homer in the sixth inning, his fifth of the season.

Centerfielder Marty Dewees got into the home run action with a 2-run shot in the fourth inning, his fourth of the year, as he went 3-for-6 at the plate with two RBI and a run scored.

Daniel Clark (1-2) got the win after throwing 4 2/3 relief innings, allowing just one run, none earned, on four hits with seven strikeouts.

UALR starter Jacob Stover (0-2) took the loss after throwing 2.1 innings and giving up four runs on four hits.

The Trojans took an early 3-0 lead on Stover's first-inning 3-run home run but the Demons rallied back to take a 4-3 lead after three on an RBI walk by Flower followed by a run-scoring single by Ben Rodriguez.

UALR tied the game in the top of the fourth on leftfielder Tim Lawrence's grounder to shortstop to score Derek Eilers.

NSU responded with four runs in the bottom of the inning to go up 8-4.

Palermo led things off with a single up the middle and Dewees knocked him in on his home run over the leftfield wall to make it 6-4. Morgan followed up with his record-setting double (he now has 51 in his career) then stole third base before Miles Durham walked to put runners at the corners.

Bobby Barbier's single through the right side scored Morgan to put the Demons up 7-4, and Flower's single to leftfield scored Durham to make it 8-4.

The Trojans, who finished the game with eight hits, cut the lead to 8-6 with two runs in the top of the sixth, but the Demons got a two-run homer from Flower to put NSU back up 10-6.

Jimmy Heard closed out the final two innings of the game allowing no hits while walking one and striking out two.

Lady Demon Volleyball adds three

Courtesy of Sports Information

First year NSU Lady Demon volleyball Head Coach Brittany Uffelman added three players to her team on Wednesday during National Signing Day.

Talita Santos and Ariane Damasio of Northeast Oklahoma A&M and Yelena Enwere of Stafford (TX) High School signed letters of intent.

"I'm very excited about these players," said Uffelman. "All three will immediately make a positive impact on our program. They each bring a different dynamic of athleticism and experience that will contribute to the team."

The three signees will continue to build a program that has improved in the win columns in each of the last four years. Last year's squad qualified for its first-ever Southland Conference post-season tournament.

Damasio, a 5-11 blocker from Brazil, earned JUCO All-American honors in 2004 and 2005 while at Northeast Oklahoma A&M.

She played club ball in Brazil and helped lead her team to a regional championship and a second place finish in the national tournament.

Santos, a 5-11 hitter from Brazil, helped her club team to a second-place finish in Brazil's national tournament.

Enwere, a 5-9 hitter, earned first team All-District honors last season after averaging 17 kills per match at Stafford High School. She was also named to the Academic All-District team and was nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman Trophy.

Five firsts for NSU Track

Courtesy of Sports Information

Shanae Steward and Quintin Snowden were two of five first-place finishers from NSU in the Stephen F. Austin Dogwood Invitational track and field meet wrapping up Friday evening.

Snowden posted a season-best 48-2 1/2 to win the men's triple jump by nearly a foot.

Steward ran 14.10 to cruise to victory in the women's 100-meter hurdles.

Other NSU winners were Rachel Hoffman with a 12.43 in the women's 100-meter dash, Randy Fauntleroy in the men's javelin (206-8) and Heather Neill in the women's javelin (121-1).

Many of NSU's top performers either did not compete or took part in different events on Easter weekend after competing last weekend at the Texas Relays.

Fautleroy led a 1-2-3 finish by the Demons in the men's javelin, with Samuel Norton second at 201-4 and Joe Smith third at 181-0.

Haley Blount's 11-5 3/4 mark in the women's pole vault was a season-best and gave NSU one of its six second-place finishes. Cassandra Krell matched her season-best 5-7 clearance in the women's high jump for second, while Tameshia Miller leaped 18-10 for second in the women's long jump and was also runner up in the 100 at 12.51. Ravyn Hayward took second in the men's 200 with a 21.78 time.

Ruth Kinyanjui ran third with a 5:02.54 time in the women's 1500, with NSU's Jessica Tuck third in the women's long jump at 18-4 1/4. Corey Jones was third in the men's discus with a 164-7 throw. Margeaux Fisher ran third in the women's 800 in 2:19.02.

Lady Demon Tennis closes season

Courtesy of Sports Information

Magali Van den Bergh won due to retirement in a 4-6, 5-1, ret. match against Tanya Roberts to post the only point for the NSU Lady Demons in a 6-1 loss to Lamar Saturday at the Jack Fisher Tennis Complex.

This signified the end of the 2006 season.

"It has been frustrating for us," said Coach Willie Paz, "because the lack of preseason matches to prepare us for Southland Conference play really hurt us."

The Lady Demons finished 3-13 overall and 2-8 in the Southland Conference to close out the 2006 season and did not qualify for the Southland Conference Tournament.

Lamar improves to 10-9 overall and 6-4 in SLC play to clinch the No. 3 seed in the SLC Tournament.

Van den Bergh picked up the win after Roberts popped a string on her fourth and final racket and Roberts, who had been struggling with a wrist injury, decided to retire.

"We're looking forward to next season," said Paz, "which should be more competitive with the girls we have coming back."

Look for the Current Sauce this summer and in the fall!

For any questions or comments, come to 225 Kyser Hall or call ext. 5381.

The *Sauce* is always looking for new writers and fresh ideas!

Editor's Farewell



Photo Credit: Cheryl Thompson

By Lora Sheppard
Editor-in-Chief

Well kids, looks like we've come to the end of the road.

This year has been completely wild; a severe rollercoaster of ups and downs that proved to be quite a challenge to keep up with. My experience as the Editor of the *Sauce* has been a conflicting one, and I have learned many things this past year.

Not only did the *Sauce* start late, but with budget constraints, building staff, outgoing staff, hurricanes and NCAA madness, keeping the paper running like a well-oiled machine (or at least one not rusty) was more difficult than expected, but we pulled through. This year was enlightening and certainly memorable; I wouldn't have been able to do as well as I did without the help of my staff and advisers.

First and foremost, I want to thank my staff: Raquel Hill and Andi Bass for keeping Life interesting; Chris Reich, Cheryl Thompson, Teranda Donatto and Harvey Briggs for stepping up (and out) all over campus for that one perfect shot; Justin Hebert for fall 2005 Sports and doing four times the work of everyone else, Champ; Ashley and Danny Jackson-Pierce for their help and time no matter the situation; Kyle Shirley and Katie Lopez for News; Jamie Webb for coming in at halftime and carrying us January to April; Lindsay Larcom for stepping up for anything and doing a great job; Raymond Billy for building a great Editorial page; Lela Coker for taking the craziness of the *Sauce* staff in stride and somehow becoming one of us along the way; and Tamara Carter for building the business end of the paper - I couldn't have done this without your help. I would also like to personally thank my new writers - Kera Simon, Kelli Fontenot and Leigh Gentry. All of you performed beyond my expectations.

I would also like to issue a special thank you to Jimmy Brown and the *Potpourri* staff. Thank you for sharing the newsroom with us and putting up with our mounds of paper and random bouts of crazy and stress meltdowns. Jimmy, you know half of what I say is due to sleep deprivation and I don't mean most of it. I wish you all the best as you graduate and leave NSU, and I mean that.

Thank you to the administration as well. Mrs. Brocato, thank you for being stern and honest when you needed to be. Ms. Anderson, Dr. Furr, Dr. Merrill, Dr. Ralston and Dr. Horton - thank you for all of your input and advice. I would also like to thank Jeff Mathews, Dr. Hansen, Dr. Webb, SAB and SGA for their cooperation and help. The *Sauce* couldn't have done as well as it did this year without any of you. Thank you.

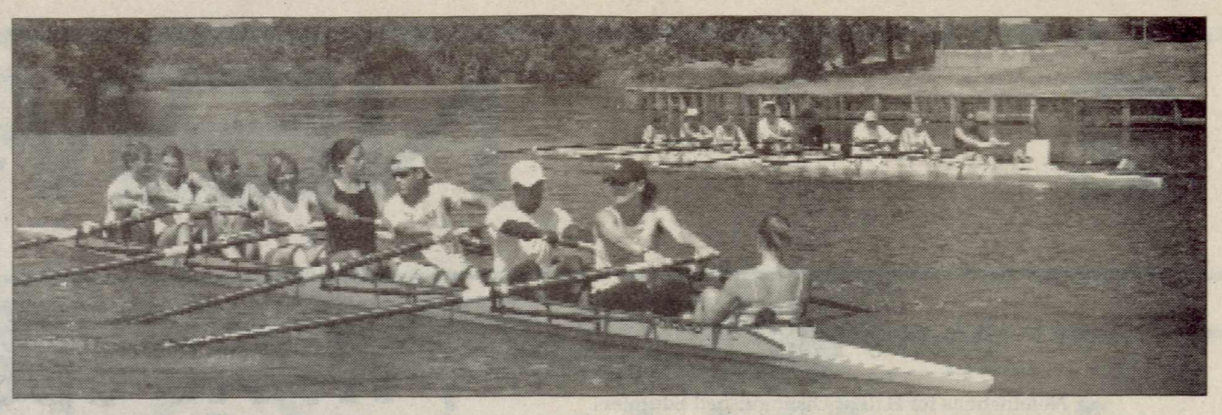
So, for lessons learned: coffee is a wonder drug, sleep is important and sometimes thankless jobs teach you the most. Thanks for your support and interest.

See you all in August.

Learn to Row Day

The rowing team teaches Natchitoches residents and NSU students the tricks of the trade.

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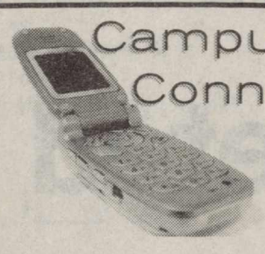
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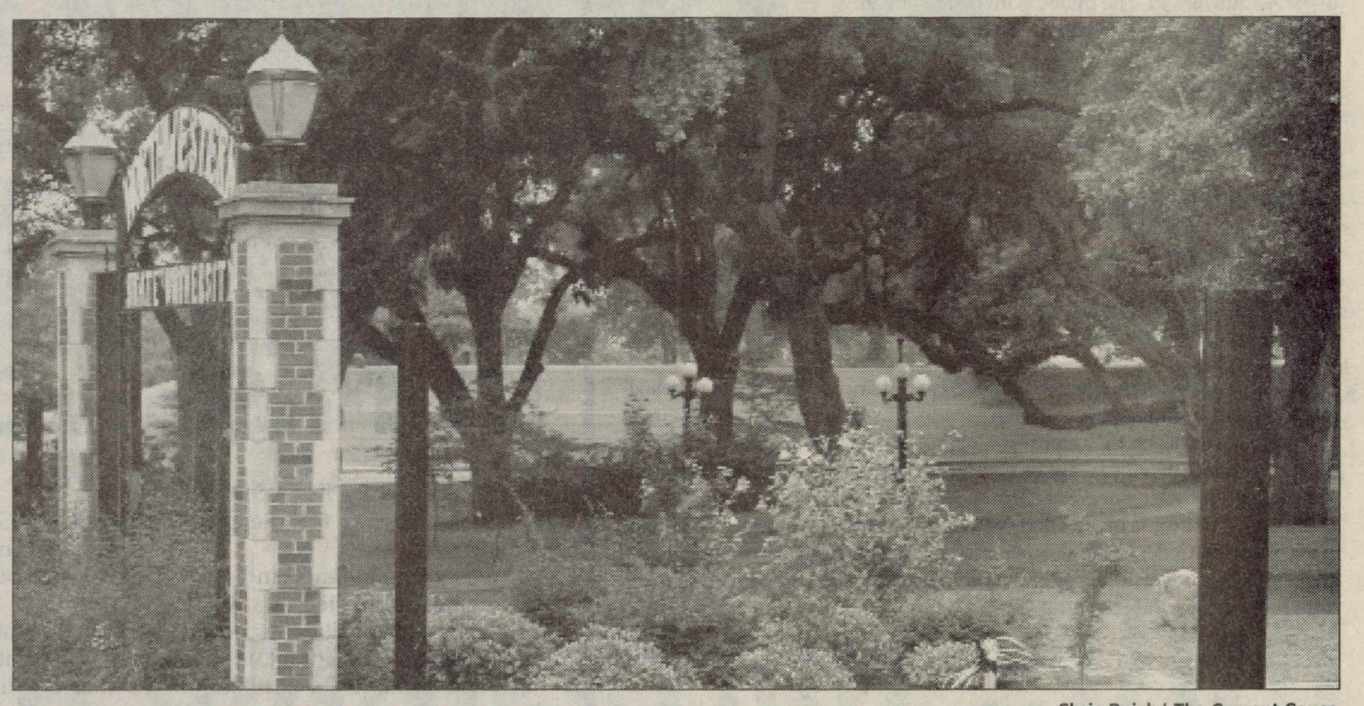
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• Semester Begins (Faculty "On Call")	Aug 15
• Regular Registration – Internet	Aug 15
• New Student Orientation Meeting (8:30 AM)	Aug 21
• Regular Advising/Registration a (Departmental)	
England Air Park/CenLa	Aug 15
Fort Polk	Aug 16
Shreveport	Aug 17
Natchitoches	Aug 21-22
• Fee Payment (Natchitoches)	Aug 21–24
• Late Registration Departmental & Internet (Fee Applies)	Aug23–31
• First Day of Classes (16-Week & A-Term, All Campuses)	Aug 23
• Final Day to Register, Add Courses and Make Section Changes	Aug 31
• Final Day to Drop a Class with refund (16-WEEK & A-TERM)	Aug 31
• Dropping Courses with a "W" begins on the Internet	Sep 1
• Labor Day Holiday	Sep 4
• Final Day to Remove "I" Grades with waiver from spring 2006	Sep 5
• Final Day for Undergraduates to Apply for Spring 2007 Graduation	Sep 8
• Final Day for Graduates to Apply for Fall 2006 Graduation	Sep 8
• Final Day to Drop A-Term courses with "W"	Sep 22
• Final Day to Remove Spring 2006 "I" grades	Oct 6
• Last Day of A-Term Classes	Oct 14
• B-Term Classes Begin	Oct 16
• A-Term Grades Due via Web for Faculty System	Oct 20
• Midterm Grades Due via Web for Faculty System	Oct 20
• Final Day to Register, Add Courses and Make Section Changes for B-Term	Oct 24
• Final Day to Resign/Drop Courses with "W" (16-Week Courses)	Oct 27
• Final Day to Drop B-Term courses with "W"	Nov 17
• Final Day to Resign (all classes) With W+ Midterm Grades (16-Week Only)	Nov 17
• Fall Break/Thanksgiving Holiday	Nov 20-25
• Classes Resume	Nov 27
• Final Day to Remove Summer 2006 "I" grades	Dec 5
• Last Day of Classes	Dec 6
• Final Examinations	Dec 6-13
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• Residence Halls Close	Dec 14
• All Grades Due via the Web for Faculty System (Noon)	Dec 14
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• Last day to resign with 100% refund:	Aug 22
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Gated entrances in the works for campus

Four of the five NSU campus entrances will have closed gates at night to help provide a safer campus for students.

By Kera Simon
Staff Reporter



Chris Reich/ The Current Sauce

This is NSU's main entrance on Central Avenue, which is one of the four entrances onto the campus that will have gates this fall.

Plans for new gates at the NSU campus entrances are being developed to keep students safe at night.

"Our intentions in this (project) is to accomplish two things. One is to provide an aesthetically pleasing entrance," said NSU President Randall Webb.

"The second is the most important and has to do with adding another step to enhance the safety and security of our students on the campus," Webb said.

The gates, which were donated by an NSU alumnus who owns a fencing and supply company, will affect all of the road entrances onto the campus.

Four of the five entrances will be fenced off at a certain time every night. Webb said they will experiment with different times such as 10 p.m., 11 p.m., or midnight, once the gates have been assembled.

"It's just an added level of security," Webb said. "It'll enable our university police to maintain safety and security conditions even more effectively and efficiently."

There will be only one entrance onto the campus at night on Caspari Street that will be monitored by the University Police. They are planning to build a guard booth so the police can supervise those going on and off the campus late at night.

Anyone with a university tag on their windshield can pass through with no problem.

Chief of University Police, Ricky Williams said those without a tag will be stopped, asked for identification and questioned about their intentions.

"We hope the students (living on campus) realize the main purpose of this is to make the campus safer at night," Williams said.

"It is by no means trying to deter them from going out, having a good time, and coming back on campus," he said.

NSU officials have been looking into the concept of gates for a while. They have conducted experiments, like closing the campus during holiday breaks, to test the effectiveness.

Williams said that before they started closing the campus during breaks, the crime rate was very high. Cars and apartments were broken into often. After the barricades were put up, crime went down to practically nothing.

Webb and his executive assistant Robert Prue have observed other campuses that have gated entrances to see how they work.

"We went to Milsap (University in Mississippi) and Stamford (University in Alabama) and looked at their gates to see how they used them and when they used them. We also took pictures," Prue said.

Prue explained that four of the five NSU campus entrances will be gated. Tarlton Drive (across from Frog Pond Apartments, which leads to University Place) and Central Avenue will have swinging gates.

Sam Sibley Drive (by the library, which leads to Iberville) and Jefferson Street will have rolling gates.

Caspari Street, which runs right by the police station, will be the only entrance without a gate. All the gates will be closed by University Police at night.

Webb said there is no set date for when the gates will be ready to install. He and Prue assume the gates to be installed sometime during the fall semester.

Specific information will be announced later when the gates are closer to being fully functional.

New policy for refund checks

By Charles Guidry
Staff reporter

NSU students now have three options to choose from in order to receive their refund payments as opposed to simply receiving their checks in the mail.

The Student Government Association supported a proposal that changed the process of refunding students who received more financial aid than was necessary for the semester, said Jennifer Kelly, director of Auxiliary Services

Students can now choose to allow the money to be applied to their Speed Demon card, to be direct deposited into their current bank account or to be sent out as a paper check in the mail, she said.

The first choice would require the student to open an account with Peoples State Bank, the official bank of NSU, Kelly said. Those with this option can use their student ID cards as a debit card.

With the second option, students can bring a voided check to fee payment.

Using the bank account information on the check, NSU can directly deposit refunds into the student's regular bank account, she said.

The initial idea for this system of refunds was due to the success of the Speed Demon program after its implementation in the fall of 2005.

This is a collaborative effort of several departments within the university, such as the Department of Business Affairs, who have a large number of checks come back because some recipients move without notifying the university of the address change.

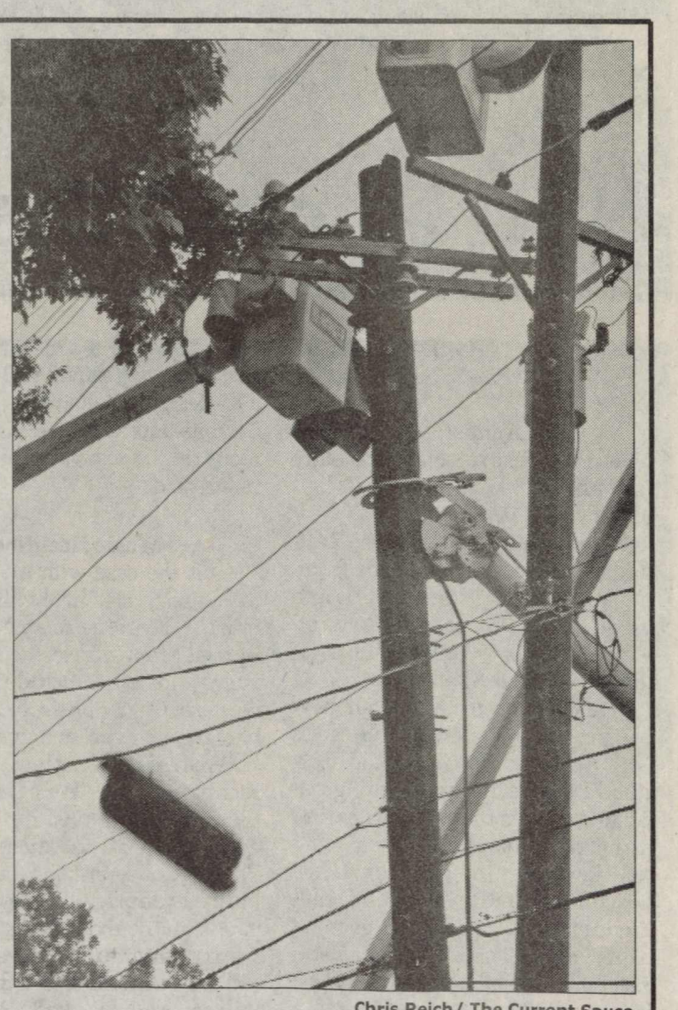
"There is always the chance that a check will be lost or stolen in the mail," Kelly said, "and electronic transfer is much faster, as it is done overnight."

"This is the first year we will send financial aid electronically," Kelly said. "Getting the money quicker and safer is a big benefit for the students."

Jason "Iggy" Ingargiola, vice-president of the SGA said, "It will save the university a lot of money on printing the thousands of checks."

If students are unable to attend fee payment, they can stop by the Speed Demon Office, which has all the all the appropriate forms needed to either route the money to their regular accounts or to open a Peoples State Bank account.

The Speed Demon Office is on the bottom floor of Friedman Student Union, next to the C-Store.



Chris Reich/ The Current Sauce

Natchitoches workers cut pieces from a fallen telephone pole. The pole, located in front of the Wheelwright Inn, was splintered at the base during a storm last week.

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

Today	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
90°/62°	89°/65°	92°/67°	91°/69°	91°/69°	91°/70°	92°/71°	94°/72°

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News Briefs

Nominations for Hall of Distinguished Educators

NSU's College of Education Alumni Advisory Board is seeking nominations for the Hall of Distinguished Educators for 2006.

The inductees will be recognized during the NSU Homecoming football game and during a Homecoming Week breakfast, said Cathy Seymour, Coordinator of Graduate Studies.

Anyone who would like to nominate an outstanding NSU alumnus who has had a distinguished career in the field of education should contact Seymour at 357-6278 or by mailing the information to: College of Education (TEC), Office of Field Experiences,Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA 71497.

Romance novelist to do reading on campus

Author Rexanne Becnel will present a reading at NSU on Thursday. Her visit is sponsored by The NSU Writing Project and the NSU Department of Language and Communications. Her appearance starts with a dinner at 6 p.m. and the reading at 7 p.m.

Both events will be in the Faculty Staff Reading Room on the second floor of Watson Library on the NSU campus. The cost for the dinner is $12. Tickets to the reading are $5. The public is invited to attend.

Becnel is the author historical romance novels that explore the growth of women's lives, covering everything from childbirth to the first date after a divorce. She often spices her works with references to her hometown of New Orleans. Becnel finds inspiration for her novels while drinking café au laits and observing her surroundings.

Jayme Bunch

New director of Scholars College named

T. Davina McClain has been named director of the Louisiana Scholars' College at NSU. McClain was an associate professor of classical studies and an advisor for nationally competitive awards at Loyola University of New Orleans.

McClain has been a member of Loyola's faculty since 1995 with areas of special interest in historiography, women's studies, Latin literature and the Greek novel. She also was on the faculty of Hobart and William Smith Colleges and Indiana University, where she received a master's and doctorate. McClain received her bachelor's degree at Trinity University.

She plans to become involved in student recruitment to increase enrollment in the Scholars' College. She also plans to help develop a university-wide program to help students prepare and apply for nationally competitive scholarships, fellowships and internships.

NSU prepares for Avian flu pandemic

NSU has begun planning how the institution would react in case of an influenza pandemic. NSU has formed a response team with representatives from areas including student affairs, academics, housing, Health Services, University Police and Information Systems to discuss what the university would do in case of an Avian Flu pandemic.

"Colleges and universities will play an important role in protecting the health and safety of students, employees and their families,"said NSU Director of Health Services Stephanie Campbell. "We are following the recommendations of the Louisiana Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Disease Control and the University of Louisiana System and setting up a plan in case of an Avian Flu pandemic."

A pandemic is a global outbreak of flu that causes serious illness in people and spreads quickly throughout populations. Campbell said NSU would work closely with local, state and federal authorities to protect the health of students, employees and their families.

"We want to have an effective team in place in case Avian Flu comes to this region and eventually to our campuses, Campbell said. "Northwestern has students from around the world and our students, faculty and staff travel throughout the United States regularly. Should we be affected by a pandemic, the university will work to clearly communicate information to all those impacted."

Campbell said two Web sites, www.AvianFlu.gov and PandemicFlu.gov, provide the latest information and statistics on the disease. NSU's response team will meet regularly to further develop plans and react to situations that may arise.

from the NSU News Bureau

WRAC open during summer sessions

Time / Day	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.	Pilates		Pilates		Pilates
9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.	Baby Boomer Blast	Yoga	Baby Boomer Blast	Yoga	
5:00 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.	Pilates	Low Impact Step & Tone	Pilates	Low Impact Step & Tone	
6:00 p.m. - 6:50 p.m.		Spin Cycle		Yoga	

Hours of Operation:

Mondays: 5:30a.m.-8:00p.m.
Tuesdays: 5:30a.m.-8:00p.m.
Wednesdays:5:30a.m.-8:00p.m.
Thursdays:5:30a.m.-8:00p.m.
Fridays: 5:30a.m.-7:00p.m.
Saturdays: 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m.
Sundays:1:00p.m.-5:00p.m.

Students in Nachitoches who want to stay in shape during the summer may use the Wellness, Recreation and Activities Center.

Full-time summer school students, who are taking seven hours or more have automatically had their WRAC fees of $75 applied to their balance.

Students taking less than six hours may use WRAC facilities and pay appropriate fees by filling out appropriate forms.

Also, students enrolled zero hours for the summer and registered for the fall have the same option.

compiled by Charles Guidry and Jamie Webb

NSU students competed in Miss Louisiana Pageant

By Kera Simon
Staff Reporter

Three NSU students and one NSU alumna competed in a week of judging and activities as part of the Miss Louisiana Pageant.

Raven Bryson, senior health and human performance major, was chosen as Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet during the Spring 2006 semester.

Christina Fisher, business administration graduate, was Miss Webster Parish Fair.

CeAnn Jackson, sophomore biology major, was Miss Cenla.

Courtney LaCaze, senior journalism major, was Miss Central Louisiana.

During the Miss Louisiana Pageant, Bryson won the People's Choice Award.

LaCaze won the Quality of Life Award, which is chosen by Miss America and based on the best community service project.

She also won the non-finalist talent award, the non-finalist interview award, and was the 3rd highest scholarship recipient.

According to the Miss Louisiana website, all contestants who did not win other scholarship awards received a $650 cash scholarship funded by the Miss Louisiana Scholarship Foundation.

Twenty-one ladies from all around the state participated in a week of activities to compete for the title of Miss Louisiana. The activities included rehearsals, appearances, and parties. Although the schedule was stressful at times, the girls enjoyed the experience.

"The week of Miss Louisiana is not easy. We all got very few hours of sleep and were making appearances daily and busy at rehearsals," LaCaze said. "It was very challenging. I enjoyed the fast pace of things, and all of the girls were great."

The ladies all were given the chance to showcase a special talent for the pageant. LaCaze sang a song titled "I Surrender All." Jackson preformed a dance titled "Last Chance." Fisher performed a dance to the "Zorro" soundtrack, and Bryson performed a dance titled "Love by Grace."

They were also judged on swimsuits, evening gowns and interview categories.

Bryson said she enjoyed the evening gown category because she was escorted by her father. LaCaze's favorite category was the interview because it is challenging and allowed the judges to get to know her at the same time.

Each of the Miss Louisiana Pageant participants had platforms they support and try to spread information on to others. Fisher believed in Encouraging Children's Self-Esteem.

Jackson was a supporter of Child Mentoring. Bryson lead Volunteerism: Promoting Altruism Among our Youth. LaCaze was a supporter of Project LEAD (Louisiana Education on Alcohol and Drugs).

The pageant was broadcast live on June 17 all around the state of Louisiana.

After a week of preparing for the show, the girls were very excited for the real thing.

"The show was unreal. Knowing that the Miss Louisiana Pageant was going to be broadcast live to television stations across the state of Louisiana was a huge adrenaline rush," Bryson said.

"Waiting to go on and start the show was like riding upward on a roller coaster waiting till you reach the top and then free falling! It's an amazing feeling. I loved it," she said.

The Miss Louisiana Pageant is a chance for women to improve their education and get involved in the community.

The four NSU participants worked hard to be part of the experience and walked away with many lessons and memories.

"I admire the fact that we were all an ambitious group of girls really just trying to fund our college experience and make the world a better place," LaCaze said.

"The best part about the week was being around the NSU girls we were like a family....all there to support each other. It was a great week! Although I didn't bring home the crown, I made incredible memories and friends," she said.

The winner of the Miss Louisiana Pageant was Jamie Wilson, the Miss Louisiana Watermelon Festival.

Wilson is a third year law student at LSU. She also won the Miss LA Scholarship Foundation Physical Fitness Award.

NSU to host the Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival in July

Natchitoches residents and NSU students are invited to help celebrate Lousiana's natural resources and culture while enjoying food, music, crafts, competitions and exhibits.

By Jamie Webb
Editor-in-Chief

The 27th Annual Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival will take place July 21-22, 2006, in Prather Coliseum on the NSU campus.

The theme this year will be "Natural Resources in Louisiana's Traditional Cultures," which was chosen by the Festival's Steering Committee, said Sheila Richmond, the coordinator of the festival.

"We're going to talk about how people use the natural resources within their culture," she said. This could be done through hunting traditions, ceremonies, crafts, and many other things.

Ticket prices are as follows: free for children under six, $3 for children age 7-12, $5 for an evening pass (5 p.m. – 11 p.m. on Friday and 5:30 p.m. – 11 p.m. on Saturday), $7 for an all day pass to $10 for a weekend pass. The weekend passes are only available in advance, and Richmond said they can be ordered up until the week before the Festival.

On Friday, there will be activities from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m. The two-day festival will consist of a Kidfest, food and crafts, as well as exhibits and narrative sessions that focus on the festival's theme, Richmond said.

Music Headliners

As is the case with most Natchitoches festivals, there will be lots of music. According to an NSU News Bureau press release, the music will vary and will include country-western, Cajun, blues, ballads, jazz, bluegrass, gospel and zydeco.

"We have three stages of music," Richmond said. "We have the State Fiddle Championship, which is going to be on the main stage [of Prather Coliseum] on Saturday. Saturday evening, we're having two bands on the main stage."

According to the press release, Willis Prudhomme and the Zydeco Express and Hardrick Rivers and the Rivers Revue Band are set to perform on Friday night while Don Fontenot et les Amis de la Louisiane, Jeff Rachall and 24/7, and the Bluebirds will perform on Saturday. Other music acts include Willie Mae Kennedy, the Hoodoo Papas, the NSU Jazz Ensemble, Bayou Roots, Louisiana Purchase, and Back Porch Band.

"The 21st is only going to encompass a Friday night music show with festival foods and exhibits," she said.

Saturday Attractions

Kidfest, which is scheduled for Saturday, will entail a series of hands-on activities, such as making Mardi Gras masks and maracas, Richmond said. It will also include story telling and folk tales.

The foodways demonstration will consist of foods from the Opelousas area and the Cane River area, she said. There are seven categories of food the culture generally prepares, including wild game, vegetables and desserts.

"We also have food vendors who are coming who do traditional Louisiana foods," she said, which includes jambalaya, boudin, gumbo and pastries.

The narrative sessions on Saturday will run about 45 minutes long each, Richmond said.

There will be ten narrative sessions, according to the Folk Festival Newsletter, and they will "offer visitors a unique opportunity to hear discussions about cultural traditions related to natural resources." The sessions include "Wild Game Preparation," "Wild Plant Uses," "Woodworking" and "Basketry."

Richmond said, "There will be 30 minutes of discussion by panelists and 15 minutes of audience participation. Although most of them are very loosely structured, so there is audience participation no matter what, which we encourage."

State Fiddle Championship

Saturday will also mark the 3rd Annual Louisiana State Fiddle Championship, which is a two-division event for fiddlers around the state.

According to the press release, the Trophy Division is open for the following age groups: 12 and under, 13-18, and 70 and above.

The Championship Division, however, is part of the State Championship, and the participants will compete for cash prizes and the opportunity to be recognized as the state's best fiddler. The winner will perform Saturday at 5:45 p.m.

"The way it's structured now was devised by fiddlers themselves, those who actually fiddle. They wanted two separate divisions. Anyone can enter the Championship division, and that is for the State Championship. The other division is not for the State Championship, but it is for ribbons. It's age regulated, so anyone who wants to participate in that will participate in an age group. The competition hopefully won't be quite so fierce."

Participants in the past have been as young as five years old, Richmond said, which is good because they get the experience of playing in front of crowds.

"We encourage everybody to register [for the fiddle competitions] ahead of time, but it's open registration the day of, so they can just come in that morning and register," she said.

There are no registration fees and no regulations regarding fiddle style or type of music played, she added.

"Inspirations from the Forest"

The other attraction during the festival will be an exhibit called "Inspirations from the Forest," Richmond said.

According to the newsletter, "the 16-panel exhibit covers the relationships artists have with nature – how they're inspired, how they use their work to tell a story, and how some art is or becomes a cultural legacy."

Richmond said, "The Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service in 2005 were at the American Folklife Festival in Washington. From this exhibit, and celebrating the Forest's 100th Anniversary, they put together an exhibit showing how people get inspiration from natural forests."

These people include craftspeople, songwriters, poets, visual artists, quilters, etc.

According to the press release, many of these artists use natural resources such as vines, river cane, white oak, and moss in creating the crafts that are part of their culture.

"We're very lucky to have this come here. It's going to 33 sites in 21 states, and ours is one of them.

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- *The Tyler Perry Collection* (June 27)
- *Ultraviolet* (June 27)
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Tuesday NSU Night

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Review

Sealed with a '*Kiss*'

By Katie Lopez
News Editor





Gary Hardamon/ NSU Media Service

Eric Engelhardt (left) and Jena Westbrook star as Fred and Lilli, two characters who play actors in the play "Kiss Me Kate." The play tells the story of love in all its complexities.

NSU's theatre department hosted a lover's quarrel on June 15-18 and 21-24 when the Cole Porter musical "Kiss me Kate" took center stage under the direction of Artistic Director Scott Burrell and guest director, former NSU Artistic Director Jack Wann.

"Kiss Me Kate" is a play within a play. The four main characters of the show are Lilli Vanessi, Fred Grahame, Lois Lane and Bill, and their performances are compromised by what is going on behind the scenes.

Fred, who dubbed himself the director and male lead of the play, falls in love with Lois Lane who plays Bianca. Lois, however, already has a lover, Bill, who plays Lucentio.

Lilli, who is now a movie star and has a reputation for being difficult, enters the picture playing the roll of Katharine.

Things quickly heat up when Bill is visited by two gangsters who have come to collect his gambling debts. Bill used Fred's name on the IOU, so the gangsters confront Fred instead of Bill.

Fred and Lilla put the problems they had in the past behind them and start to remember their previous performances together.

Feelings slowly start returning for the pair. Emotions take off when a bouquet of flowers sent by Fred were given to Lilli instead of Lois, as they were intended, and Lilli falls more and more in love with Fred.

When she realizes the flowers were not meant for her, she gets angry and threatens to quit the show.

In the end, everyone ends up happy. Bill and Lois are together and Fred and Lilli reunite.

Burrell asked Wann to come back to NSU because he wanted the students to have the chance to work with "one of the best directors in the business, particularly with musicals of this style."

Burrell asked Wann to direct before they even chose this play.

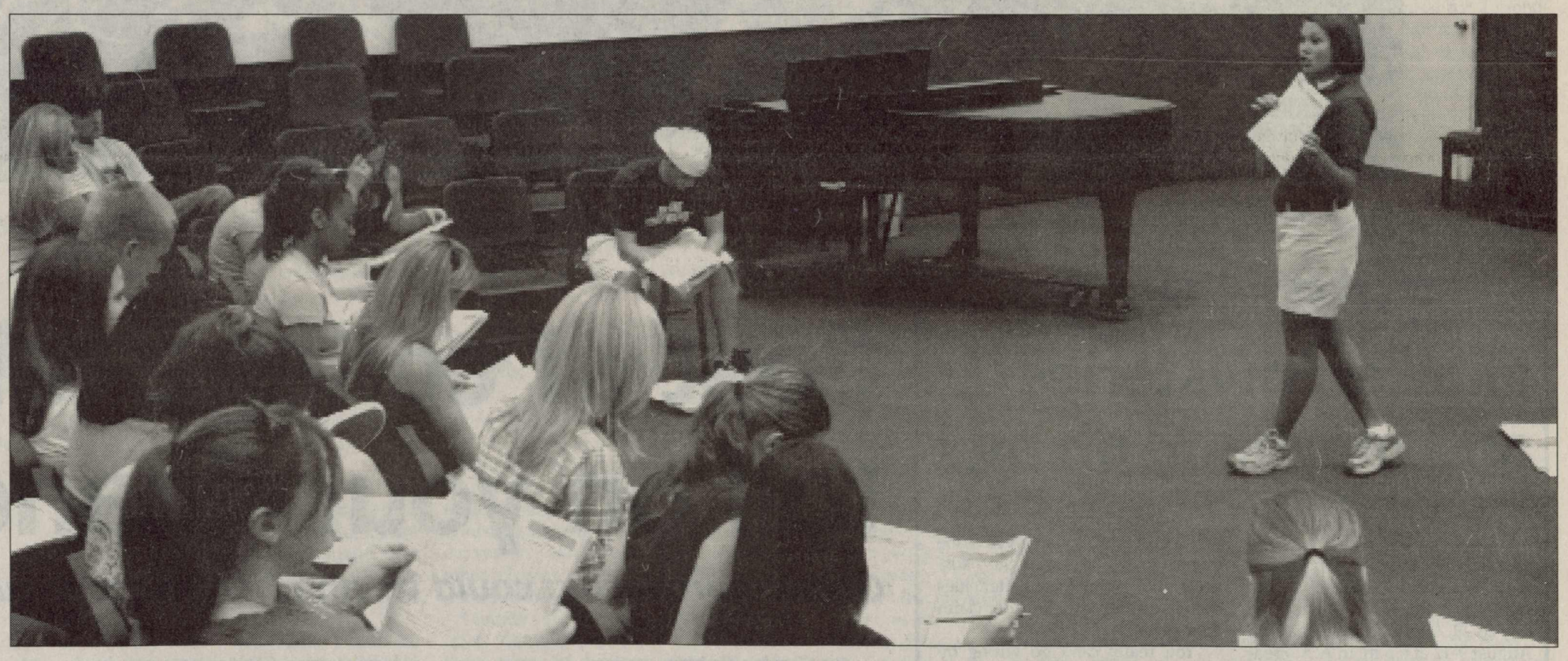
"I asked him to think about a show that he would like to do that had name recognition and would be a great learning production for the students," Burrell said. "He came back with 'Kiss Me Kate,' and I agreed it would be a great choice for our first show of the summer."

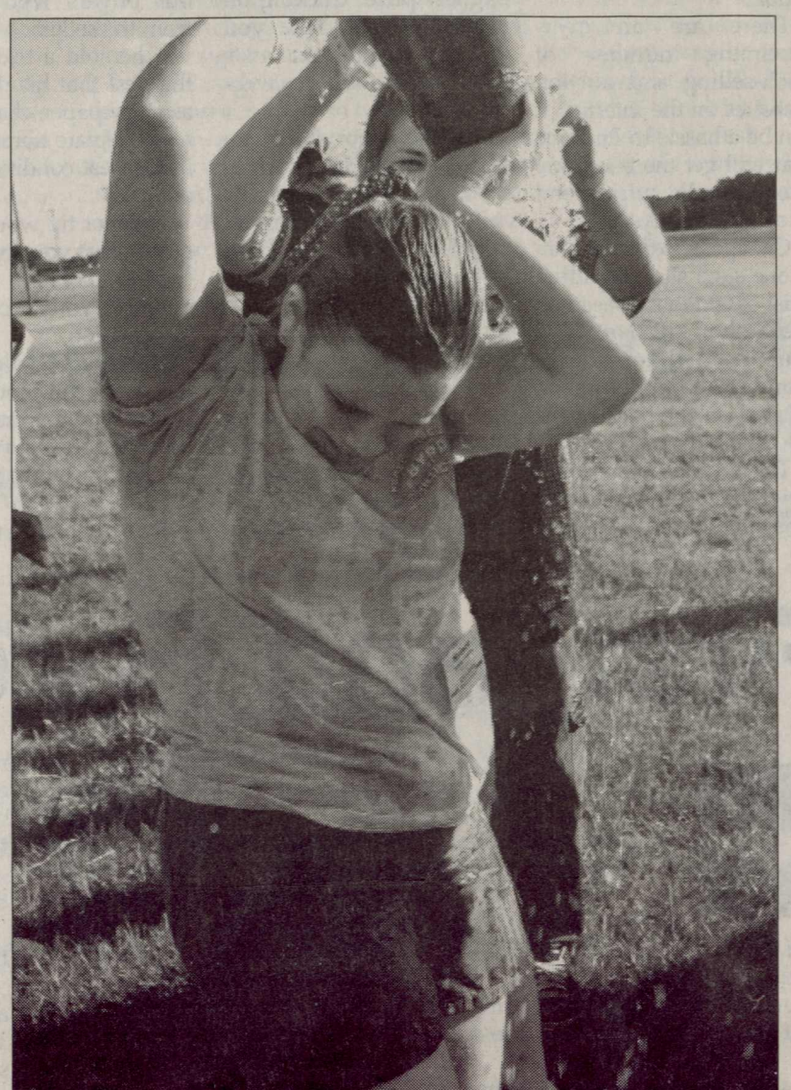
Burrell said, "Everyone I've talked to has really loved the performance."

He said there were a few technical issues on the first couple of nights, but those were worked out.

"It really is a well written and well produced show." Burrell said.

Freshman Connection 2006







Chris Reich/ The Current Sauce

Top: Freshman Connector Angi Finimore shows her group how to schedule classes during one of their class sessions at the first session of Freshman Connection, which is an annual event open for all incoming freshmen. During the event, new students can tour the campus, meet faculty and staff members, make new friends and schedule their classes for the upcoming semester. There are usually four sessions, and each session lasts two days. Students are able to spend the night in one of the residents halls and eat in one of the dining areas on campus.

Above: Incoming freshmen attend the Organizational Expo, during which they are able to find out information about the various extracurricular activities NSU has to offer. The organizations range from Greek groups to student media to groups that focus on campus life, such as the Student Activities Board or the Student Government Association.

Left: Incoming freshman journalism major Kasey Williams attempts to lift a bucket of water over her head to fill another bucket at the end of the line during a recreational activity called Freshman Follies. Recreational activities offer students the opportunity bond and work on teamwork skills.

'LEARN TO ROW' DAY 2006

The rowing team gathers to teach NSU students and other Natchitoches residents how to row.

By Jamie Webb
Editor-in-Chief

The NSU Rowing Team and the Cane River Rowing Club co-sponsored "Learn to Row" Day this year, said Iggy Ingargiola, one of the coordinators of the event. It was open to all Natchitoches residents and NSU students.

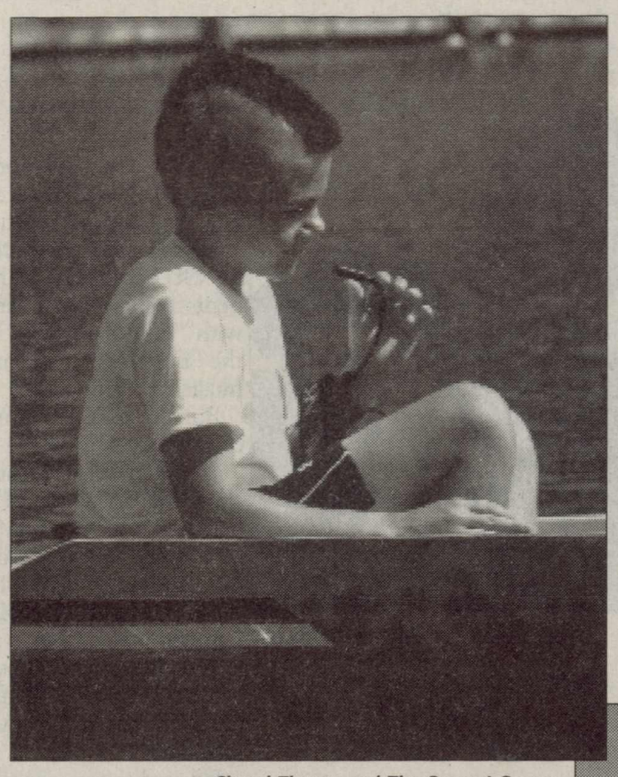
This is the second year the event has taken place, in conjunction with US Rowing's National "Learn to Row" Day. The Cane River Rowing Club actually started as a result of the success of last year's Learn to Row Day, Ingargiola said.

They first taught participants the basic rowing stroke on the rowing simulator, called the erg, on land in the boathouse, he said.

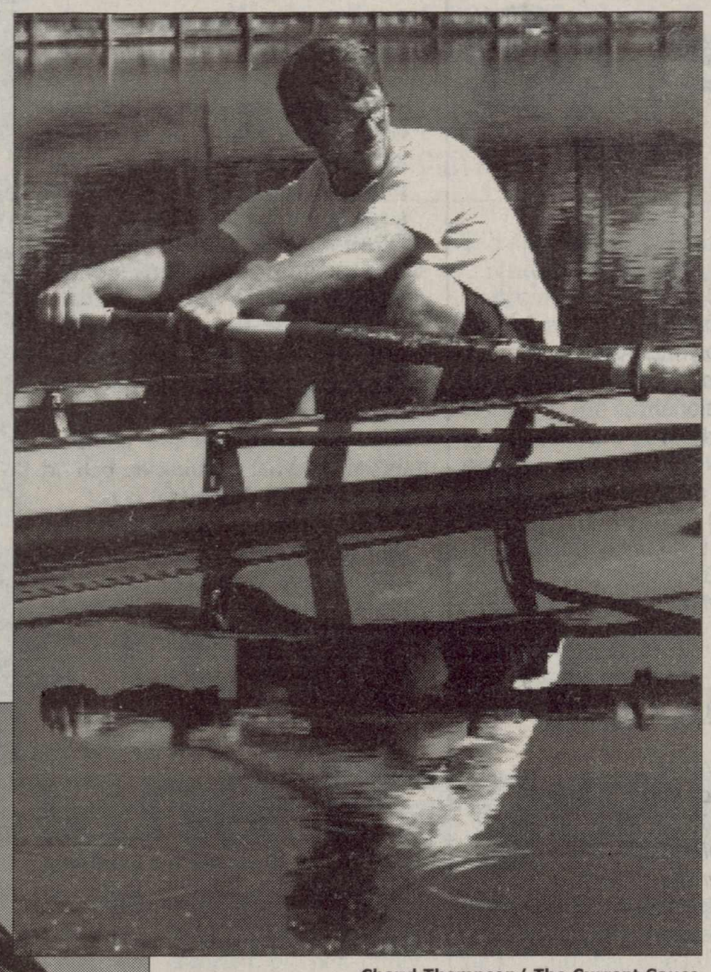
They taught the participants some of the terms used in the sport, including nautical terms and some rowing-specific terms, he said. The participants also had questions of their own, such as how long are the boats, what are they made of, how fast do they go, and how much do they cost.

With the help of the experienced NSU and CRRC rowers, they filled two boats that could hold eight people each and elaborated on rowing technique on the water. The goal for any rowing boat is to get all eight rowers rowing together, in harmony, he explained. After some practice on the water that day, both boats accomplished that feat.

Ingargiola added, "It's not too late to come out and learn to row any time we're out there. The CRRC meets all summer long, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 5p.m. at the NSU Boathouse.



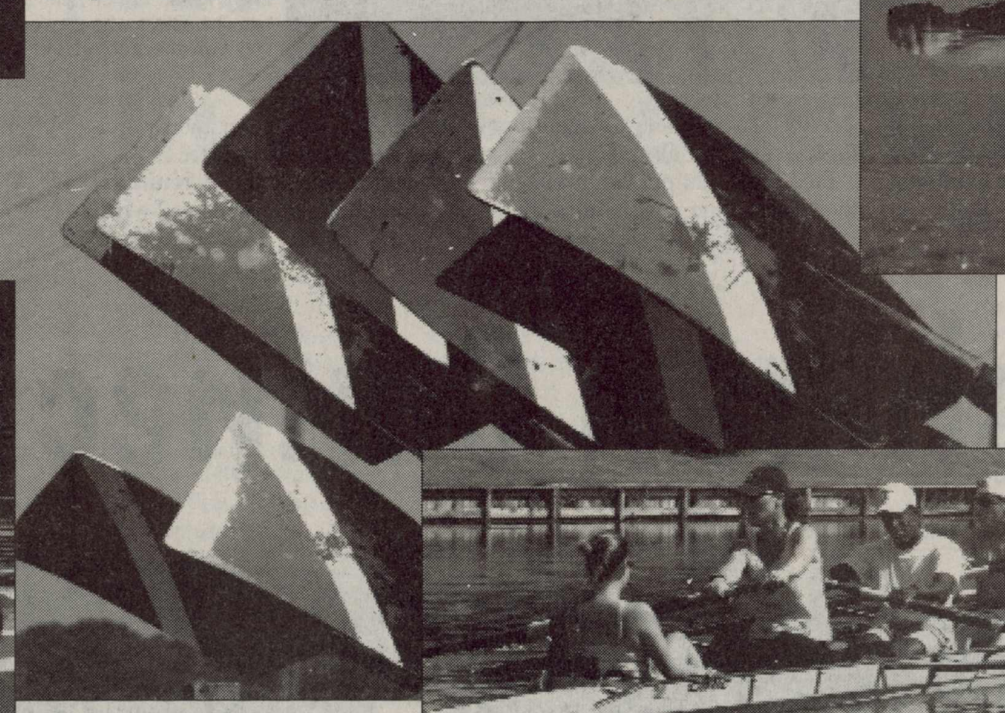
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Issac Eilts, 13, instructs the participants of Learn to Row Day of what to do next. Eilts was a coxswain for the event, or "the person who steers the rowing shell and is the on-the-water coach for the crew," explained event coordinator Iggy Ingargolia. The coxswain is a motivator, steersman, coach, cheerleader all wrapped up into one.



Cheryl Thompson/ The Current Sauce
Senior music education major Johnathon Perkins learns to row during Learn to Row Day, an event hosted by the NSU crew team.



Cheryl Thompson/ The Current Sauce
Senior Kathy Moncada tests out her rowing skills during the rowing team's Learn to Row Day.



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Participants of Learn to Row Day try to perfect their rowing abilities in preparation of a race, which will let them showcase their new skills.

Preview

Murder, mysteries and mayhem, oh my!

By Katie Lopez
News Editor

The NSU theatre department will present "Murder Rides Again," written by Jim Daab, on July 26-29, August 2-5 and again on August 9-12 at 6 p.m. in A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

The tickets are $20 and include a four-course meal with the show.

Scott Burrell, artistic director for the NSU theatre department, said the play was chosen because of the fun the department had with putting on "Death by Disco" last year.

"Both Disco and Murder Rides Again share the same format, but Murder is basted more on a western theme as opposed to a discotheque for Death by Disco," he said.

The audience members are townsfolk of Groaners Gulch, Nev., and have gathered for the annual chili cook-off. Characters from the play serve the audience dinner, and the audience is given clues to try to solve a murder.

The audience is also given bribe money to try to tempt the "suspects" into giving them better clues so they can solve the murder claim their prize.

"You really can't go wrong by seeing the show," Burrell said. "Twenty dollars gets you a four-course meal and a live theatre event. You're not going to find a deal like that anywhere."

Jeff Daab wrote "Murder Rides Again." He is from Richmond, Va., and has his own business called, "Mystery Dinner Playhouse" in four different locations throughout the Virginia and Washington, D.C. areas, Burrell said.

"Because of my working with him on some of his past projects when I lived in Richmond, he has allowed us (NSU Theatre) to use one of his scripts for our own 'mystery dinner' production," Burrell said.

Cost of college taking a toll on your finances?

Online purchasing could be an effective cost-cutting solution

By Charles Guidry
Staff Reporter

The price of knowledge is very steep. After buying the majority of educational costs, students still need books!

Buying books can leave a serious dent in a student's finances, even if the student is able to sell them back. The price is usually much lower than the original cost.

With the monopoly of local textbook-purchasing options, some students turn to the Internet to pursue a more affordable education.

There are an overwhelming number of book-selling and auction websites on the Internet; it can be a hassle to find one that will get the book you need cheaply, quickly, and in decent quality.

CheapestTextbooks.com is one such site, providing a list of textbooks based on the author, title, or ISBN number, (International Standard Book Number, located on the back of the book near the bar code).

The website offers both new and used books and lists them from lowest to highest price. Clicking on the name will take you directly to the textbook's page in the seller's website.

All the major stores are listed, including Amazon.com, eBay, Books-A-Million, and Barnes & Noble.

Since you are essentially buying a textbook you've never seen from a person you've never met, you need to take certain precautions when making your purchase.

On an auction-oriented site, like eBay or Half.com, read the reviews of previous buyers who bought from the seller.

If he sold a textbook in the past that his dog used as potty paper, chances are his collegiate library is not in the best condition overall.

Another tip would be to ensure that you are using a secure website before entering your credit card information.

Make sure a gold lock or key is on the bottom bar before entering credit card information, or you may become a victim of identity theft.

Remember also that auction sites have a time limit, are first come, first serve, and have limited inventory.

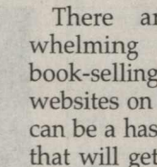
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'First' and Foremost



Jamie Webb
Editor-in-Chief

A lot of "firsts" happened for me this past year.

I worked on a newspaper for the first time, first as a reporter, then as a copy editor.

I was away from my New Orleans home for more than eight months straight for the first time in my life, not able to venture back until March.

I went on a plane by myself for the first time, the flight taking me from Alexandria to Houston to Baltimore. It rained a lot that day, and the flight was delayed. My 8:30 p.m. scheduled arrival time was postponed until nearly 4 a.m.

I lived in Alabama for the first time, if only on a part-time basis, until my parents moved back to our Westbank home in January.

I spent both my Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays in another state for the first time – Virginia. I even woke up to snow falling outside my window there, which was fascinating. Being from Louisiana, I don't see much of that.

I lived in Baton Rouge for the first time. My grandparents finally came back down here from Virginia in March, after losing their two homes and a beauty salon in the lower ninth ward hurricane disaster. They are currently in Baton Rouge, getting readjusted to live in a big city again.

I lived in an apartment for the first time.

I took summer classes for the first time.

To end this year of firsts, I became the next editor of the Current Sauce.

I'm both eager and apprehensive about what the next year will bring. There's nothing I can do to stop it, so I say to it, "Do your worst, for I will do mine."

Ten House Points if you know where that quote is from.

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Jamie Webb, a senior journalism major who hails from New Orleans, La. My interests are varied, and I look forward to sharing them with you this year.

Imagination of the nation in jeopardy



By Raymond Billy, Jr
Sauce Columnist

According to a report by WNBC.com, the website for NBC's New York affiliate, "29 percent of parents believe the number of lessons, practices, classes and games their child participates in limits the amount of time for unstructured play," such as hide-and-go-seek and make-believe.

A report by the trade magazine TD Monthly says, "Kids have been abandoning traditional toys, like action figures, at an earlier age."

So what, you might be asking yourself. Who cares about the status of make-believe and action figures among children?

Here's why you should care: we are about to see America's first generation of automatons come of age, a generation that can't think too far beyond what text books or authority figures tell them.

You see, when kids play with action figures or pretend to be superheros and princesses, they are using and developing creativity. The creative among us will be the next great thinkers and problem solvers.

The make-believers of the world will be sitting pretty over the next 50 years. They comprise the majority of the "creative class" that Richard Florida wrote about in his 2002 best-seller, "Rise of the Creative Class."

But those creative minds will be few and far between in the years to come, as little is being done to cultivate the imaginations of children these days.

In an era in which both Mom and Dad must work in order to maintain middle-class standing, parents are forced to ship their kids from one supervised activity to the next, the best alternative to the latchkey phenomenon.

Also, kids are so preoccupied with video and computer games that they don't spend much time reading or pretending.

Instead, they take part in the mediums that create majestic environments for children, nullifying the imagination they would need to create such environments themselves.

If Florida is correct about this new creative economy, then an American crisis is looming. We didn't need to give employers yet another reason to send jobs overseas, but that is exactly what we have done.

The creativity crunch has reached the point that experts are suggesting college students select majors that will teach them to think creatively.

According to the syndicated program "Business Week: Weekend," these experts recommend majoring in something related to the arts or science for those who intend to get a Master of Business Administration.

The thinking obviously being that such concentrations will put students ahead of the creative curve when they eventually apply to graduate school.

There was once a time when only an undergraduate degree was required in order to score a decent entry-level position in the corporate world. Students possessed a good deal of creativity when they entered college and sought undergraduate degrees in business to learn how to channel that creativity.

Now, people need to go to college to learn imagination. This certainly doesn't bode well for the future of innovation in America.

So what can be done to launch a creative renaissance in this country? I have a few modest suggestions.

First, do not allow your children to have TVs or computers in their rooms. A recent report by the Boston Globe said parents are using TV as an electronic babysitter. Who knew?

I have four brothers, so I can certainly understand why parents would use whatever means they have to gain a few moments of peace and quiet.

But instead of filling your child's room with electronics, try filling the room with books and traditional toys when the child is very young.

Second, try to find after school programs for your children that aren't centered on specific activities, but place children in an environment where they have the option of devising their own pastimes.

It's time to put children back on a path that will nurture their creativity and unique personalities. Their futures depend on it.

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University website leaves much to be desired

By Teranda Donatto
Sauce Columnist

Are you looking for information about scholarships, student information, or financial aid? Maybe you want to learn more about a class that you're taking, but you lost your catalogue. Or maybe you want to find out some information about an organization.

I first consider using one of the various offices on campus or other students to get information. However, this does not always prove helpful.

My next idea is to check on the school website. So I get on my computer and pull up my NSULA.edu page and begin my search for more information. I'll start by sifting through the categories of Prospective Student, Current Student, My NSU, NSU Community and so on. However, this still may not yield the information I'm looking for.

Next I'll use the search box at the top of the web page and hope that some of the links will give an answer to my question. After at least a half an hour's search, I've come up with nothing that I could possibly use and nothing that will lead me to anything significant.

So what now? I've talked to people, who haven't helped much, and I've looked on the Internet. I should have at least found something! I could say the people are at fault here, but you can't expect one person to know everything about everything.

This is where my frustration with our school website comes in. You would think that the Internet, which connects thousands of people, would be put to better use.

No, I don't expect it to give all the answers, but even a broad amount of information would be more helpful! What's the use of using the school website or even having one if it does not help people find key information?

I understand that you can't expect the university to put everything on the Internet. The only thing I ask for is more detail. Don't get me wrong, there is plenty sufficient information on our school website in some areas, but I think many other areas are really lacking.

So I'd have to say that, if the website is going to be put to good use, details are the key to helping students like myself find what we are looking for.

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Build your own opinions, don't take from others



By Aaron Pizani
Opinions Editor

Hello to the people in newspaper land. I've managed to beg, claw and harass my way to the top of the opinions page of The Current Sauce. In case some of you may be worried, I'm going to put to rest a few questions right now.

No, I had nothing to do with Raymond Billy's disappearance from campus. And yes, I do plan on abusing the power graciously given to me.

I plan on being as factually and emotionally honest with you as possible. I will try my hardest not to jump to conclusions, but at the same time issues must be raised and I must give my honest assessment of them.

In return I want feedback. I crave feedback. I eat it, breath it, bathe in it, exfoliate and moisturize with it. And then repeat as necessary or as recommended by my doctor. I want criticism most of all.

There is something special about criticism. It gives validation. For instance, I have heard a rumor that a few of my articles from last year "pissed off" a certain design editor at a certain Dallas newspaper. I truly appreciate that kind of validation.

My main objective as the editor of this page is to encourage, demand and occasionally provoke the students of Northwestern State University to actually express an opinion or two.

I don't mean to be rude, but from what I've seen, the student body at NSU is as opinionated as sedimentary rock.

There are two kinds of opinion, though. There is the opinion you formulate, and the opinion you find. Both can sound good and impressive to your friends, but the opinion that you, yourself, formulate is the only one that is truly yours.

I would love it if more people gathered information on many different angles of an issue and then put together their own thoughts on it, or even expanded it.

However, in contemporary America too many people tune in to media programs like "The O'Reilly Factor" or "Air America Radio" to find out what their opinion should be. Not only is "opinion mining" dangerous, it's just stupid and lazy.

My hope for this approaching semester is to see something interesting and unscheduled happen on the NSU campus at least once a week.

I want to see people protest something. In fact, here's a tip: the food on campus ranges from gross to disgusting. Someone get out there and do something about that.

I also want to see the Student Government Association do something crazy. How about another proposal for a monorail system to solve the parking problem? Get out there, people, and express some ideas, especially the offbeat ones.

One thing I remember every day is that if I am stifling myself, I am lying to everyone else. Acquiescence has allowed too much to happen that never should have around the world and even on this campus.

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Thoughts on diversity of Louisiana landscape



By Jamie Webb
Editor-in-Chief

I'm a sucker for pretty landscapes.

Being from New Orleans, where the only hills are the high-rise bridges that make up the interstate system, and where the highest peak is about 15 feet, I rarely get to see a beautiful mountain or hilly landscape.

I don't usually see anything naturally beautiful until I'm on a trip to Natchitoches or Florida or Virginia, riding along in the backseat or the passenger seat with my dad or grandparents, looking out the window for as long as I can stay awake.

I find that it's much easier to zone out and focus on nothing than listen to the almost nonsensical arguments going on around me inside the car.

Driving through different states and taking in the variations in the landscapes is a major reason why I don't mind long road trips like these. I usually have a hard time choosing which I would rather do – look at the scenery around me or read a good book.

I usually keep a few books handy for especially long trips, but I generally only read a few chapters, choosing instead to take in the sights while I can.

That old carpe diem thing. Maybe those old philosophers were on to something.

I remember one road trip we took, on the way back home from Virginia, I was idly looking out the window at the trees after we passed through Shreveport, which is an hour or so north of Natchitoches, our intended goal.

I noticed many differences between Louisiana trees and the trees I've observed in other states. On this trip, we drove through nine other states. I noticed that in Louisiana there are at least a dozen different varieties of trees within minutes of each other whereas in other states, the trees border on monotonous.

I couldn't tell you the names of any of the trees, though, because I never learned them. Some of the trees were evergreen, some had no leaves, and some had leaves that were partially gone.

There were tall, skinny trees; tall, thick trees; short, fat bushes; short, skinny bushes; and dead brush.

There were trees with light green leaves, dark green leaves and trees that were turning different colors and were full of colorful yellow, green, red, orange and brown leaves.

There's always something peaceful about watching the trees zip by or watching as the sky gradually changes colors.

It's especially striking to see the sunset over the trees, the oranges and purples (which remind me of my grandmother's fuchsia plum-colored hair) blending wonderfully with the multicolored treetops.

Later, as the moon comes up, first yellow, then changing to white as it rises in the sky, I'm able to see the stars, which are much clearer when you see them from the highway, away from city lights or pollution.

I usually look for the constellation Orion, which was the first constellation I learned how to find back in junior high science classes.

Come to think of it, it's the only constellation I know now. Early in the evening, Orion is not much higher than the horizon. It's massive, yet faint.

The best viewing is around 10 or 11 o'clock at night, when the sky is pitch black, making the brightness of the stars stand starkly against it.

Even though it's higher in the sky and smaller in size, I can usually spot its three trademark stars easily.

I watched it for a few minutes, tracing the mental image of the belt, the bow, the hunter's head and the knife hanging from the belt. I feel like I'm home, no matter where I am when I see it.

At home, I can look up automatically at any time and spot it. It takes a little longer in other places, but it's worth it

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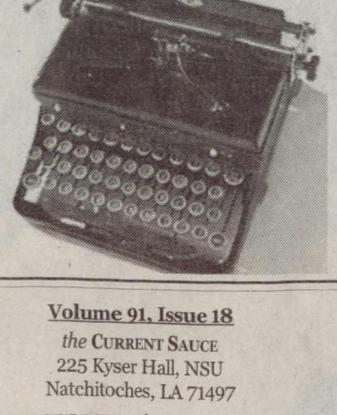
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McConathy makes history again

After seven years of successful leadership, Head Coach Mike McConathy will receive the first multi-year contract in NSU history.

Courtesy of Sports Information
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After leading NSU basketball to unprecedented success over seven seasons highlighted by a spectacular 2005-06 campaign, Coach Mike McConathy will receive the first multi-year contract in the school's history.

The Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System, meeting Friday morning in Baton Rouge, approved a four-year contract with a base salary of $99,000 plus incentives for McConathy, 51.

McConathy's team, the NSU men's basketball team, won a school-record 26 games last season, culminated by a first-round NCAA Tournament victory over 15th-ranked Iowa during March of the 2006 spring semester.

"Our program is at high a level as it's ever been," said NSU director of athletics Greg Burke.

"It's important that we do everything we can do to position ourselves to keep moving forward. This is an opportunity for the university to make a commitment to Mike the way he has made a commitment to us.

"We saw last season, and especially after that landmark victory on March 17 in the NCAA Tournament, the immense value that a high-quality basketball program brings to not only our athletics program, but our university, our community, and even the entire state. The spotlight that shined on Northwestern State during March Madness was an incredible boost for us," Burke said.

McConathy's Demons have been to the NCAA Tournament twice (in 2001 and again in 2006). The Demons won a game each time and have four appearances in the Southland Conference championship game.

NSU has posted back-to-back 20-win seasons and is the two-time defending Southland Conference champion.

The Demons captured the hearts of the nation last March with their appearance in the NCAA Tournament. NSU became the "Cinderella team" in the first-round of the tournament by beating Iowa, 64-63, on a last-second basket that completed a run from a 54-37 deficit with eight minutes to play.

Iowa was ranked 15th in the country and had previously won the Big Ten Conference Tournament.

Using a wave substitution pattern that kept 11 players in the playing rotation averaging at least 10 minutes per game, coach McConathy's Demons have been the nation's deepest team in each of the last two seasons after fielding the country's youngest team for the previous two years.

The 2005-2006 Demons (26-7) beat Iowa, Oklahoma State, Mississippi State and Oregon State, among others.

They raised McConathy's career collegiate coaching record in 23 seasons to 464-261 (.637), which included 112 wins with the Demons.

NSU also ranked among the top 10 percent of Division I basketball teams in the nation in the Academic Progress Rates report compiled by the NCAA, which tracks how well universities do in advancing their athletes toward graduation.

Under coach McConathy, 23 of the 26 players who have finished their careers at NSU have earned diplomas.

"This contract has been done not based on one shot, one game or one season," Burke said.

"It's rooted in the overall direction of the program that has made so much progress and provided so much pride, on and off the basketball court, for people who love Northwestern State University. This is a reward for a job well done and it's also a wise investment toward continuing our progression with Demon basketball."



Gary Hardamon/ NSU Media Service
Coach Mike McConathy supports his team at the NCAA Tournament in March. The basketball team, under McConathy's leadership, scored a first-round NCAA Tournament victory over Iowa.

All-American Demon track players do well in competition

Courtesy of Sports Information
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NSU All-Americans Cody Fillinich, Samantha Ford and Ravyn Hayward competed in the AT&T USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships along with former Demon All-American Kenta Bell, a 2004 USA Olympian.

On Sunday, Fillinich was 17th in the men's javelin at the championships while all-time Demons' great Kenta Bell, a 2004 USA Olympian, took second in the men's triple jump.

Fillinich, capping his sophomore season at NSU, threw 223-4. The winning mark was 280-2 by former Louisiana-Monroe competitor Breaux Greer, who won the event for a record eighth straight year.

Bell, who has won three USA titles since graduating from NSU in 2000, was second in the triple at 56-4 3/4. Former LSU All-American Walter Davis won at 58-1 3/4.

On Wednesday, Randy Fauntleroy, who had a best mark of 209-8 while qualifying for the NCAA Mideast Regional Championships this spring, took third in the javelin at the Finish Line USA Junior Track and Field Championships, earning him USA Junior All-America honors, having thrown 203-6.

"He came in seeded sixth and finished third without having one of his best days, so we're very pleased about it," said NSU assistant coach Mike Heimerman.

"This is a great accomplishment for him and a super way to wrap up his freshman season," Heimerman said.

Fillinich and Hayward earned All-America honors earlier this month at the NCAA Championships in Sacramento.

Fillinich, a sophomore from Cut Off and South LaFourche, was a repeat All-American after earning the honor as a freshman in 2005.

Ford was a 2003 All-American who overcame shoulder surgery to return to national competition.

Bell, a 2000 NSU graduate, finished seventh last year at the World Outdoor Championships and has a career best of 57-10 1/4 in the triple jump.

Season ticket renewal deadline approaching

Courtesy of Sports Information
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NSU football and basketball season ticket holders have until Aug 1 to renew football seats for the 2006 season.

Season ticket holders who renew by July 1 will receive a bonus gift, the DVD video yearbook of the Demons' dynamic 2005-06 basketball season, which culminated by an NCAA Tournament victory.

The 40-minute show includes interviews with all players and coaches, game highlights and behind-the-scenes footage to tell the "inside story" of the NSU hoop squad known as "The Demons of Destiny." The gift carries a $40 retail value.

The gift will also go to those who purchase new tickets by July 1, said athletic ticket manager Chris Laurence. Ticket assignments for the new purchases will be made after the Aug 1 renewal deadline.

Ticket purchases can be made by calling the NSU athletic department at 357-5251.

Season ticket prices for football range between $35-$80 depending on outside seat locations in Turpin Stadium, which has 15,971 seats.

Also available is the "Fork 'Em Four Pack," providing four tickets in the west side upper deck for just $99, less than $25 per person and $5 per game.

A limited number of luxury box VIP seats are also on sale, said Laurence, with those tickets requiring an additional contribution to the NSU Athletic Association.

The basketball season ticket package will include nearly three dozen home men's and women's games, tipping off with an entry for the Nov 10 men's matchup with NCAA Tournament Utah State at Prather Coliseum.

Season tickets are also on sale for the NSU women's soccer program, which is coming off a third NCAA Tournament appearance. NSU has made the only three NCAA postseason appearances in state history in women's soccer.

That distinction is one of two dozen recent accomplishments listed in the mailout that make NSU athletics "Big Time in Your Backyard," said Athletics Director Greg Burke.

"The excitement culminating in March Madness by our Demons basketball team is just one example of why people in this area can enjoy some big time entertainment and high caliber NCAA Division I sports action almost literally in their back yard," said Burke.

"If you buy a ticket to watch an NSU team on our campus, you could very well be watching teams and athletes who earn national attention," he said. "When you look at the accomplishments just in the last few years, it's amazing to consider what Demon fans have been watching."

The accomplishments include nine Demon football players chosen in the last 10 years of the NFL Draft, notably three top-five round selections since 2002. Eight All-Pros and nine Super Bowl participants have played for NSU, including 2004 All-Pro Terrence McGee of the Buffalo Bills, one of six former Demons on NFL rosters starting the 2006 season.

2006 NSU Football Schedule

September
- 2nd: Kansas 6 p.m.
- 9th: Baylor 6 p.m.
- **16th: Delaware State 6 p.m.**
- **23th: Open 7 p.m.**
- **Arkansas-Monticello 6 p.m.**

October
- 7th: Sam Houston 6 p.m.
- 14th: SLU 6 p.m.
- 21st: Nicholls State 2 p.m.
- *28th Texas State 2 p.m.*

November
- 4th: Ole Miss 7 p.m.
- **11th: McNeese State 6 p.m.**
- Stephen F. Aiustin 6 p.m.

Source: Courtesy www.nsudemons.com. **Bold** denotes home games; *Italics* denotes Homecoming Game * denotes SLC games



Sports Briefs

Baseball

Josh Stinson, a 2006 Northwood High School graduate, signed a contract with the New York Mets.

Stinson was taken in the 39th round of the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft earlier this month. He was the 1,114th player taken in the draft.

Stinson had signed a baseball scholarship with NSU but will instead begin his professional career in the New York Mets farm system.

from *Shreveport Times*

NSU's Bobby Barbier has been voted the CapitalOne/Southland Conference Student-Athlete of the Year for baseball. He is one of 11 student-athletes from six different universities voted to the league's 2006 all-academic team.

Barbier, a senior first baseman from Lafayette, La., is a two-time SLC All-Academic pick and was an Academic All-American in 2004. He finished his career as a record holder for hit-by-pitches and also ranks in the top 10 in games played and hits at Northwestern. In 2006, he batted .255 while playing in all 61 games with 60 starts. He ranked fourth on his team with 39 runs batted in and 14 stolen bases.

from Sports Information

Track and Field

NSU track and field thrower Samuel Norton and Lady Demon distance runner Abby Salomon were named to the 2006 Southland Conference All-Academic team.

Norton, a sophomore from Haughton, picked up the honors after posting a 3.62 grade point average while Salomon, a senior from Mesquite, Tex., compiled a 3.90 gpa in psychology.

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